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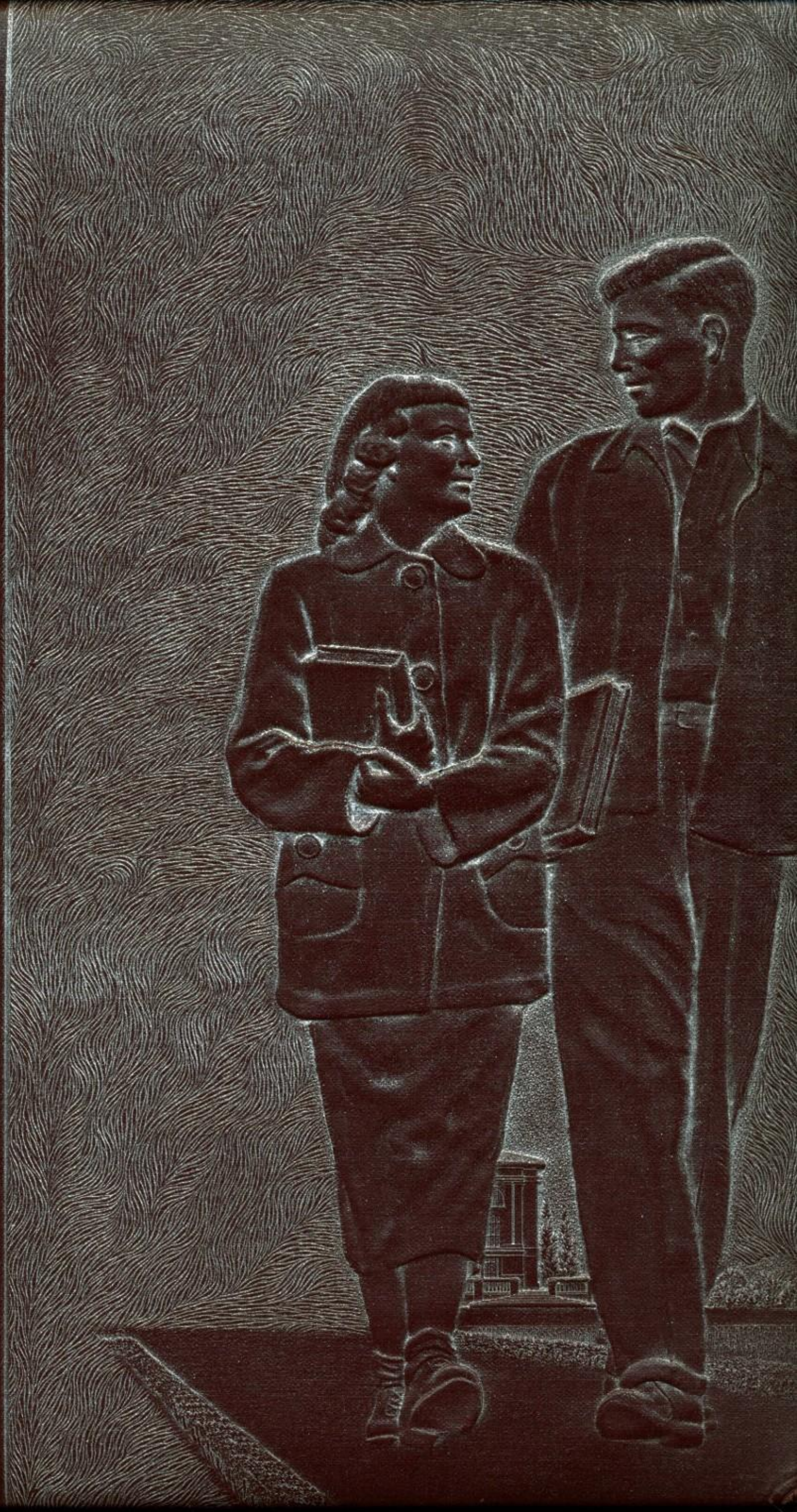

CLASS MOTTO

Today decides tomorrow

CLASS FLOWER

Yellow rose

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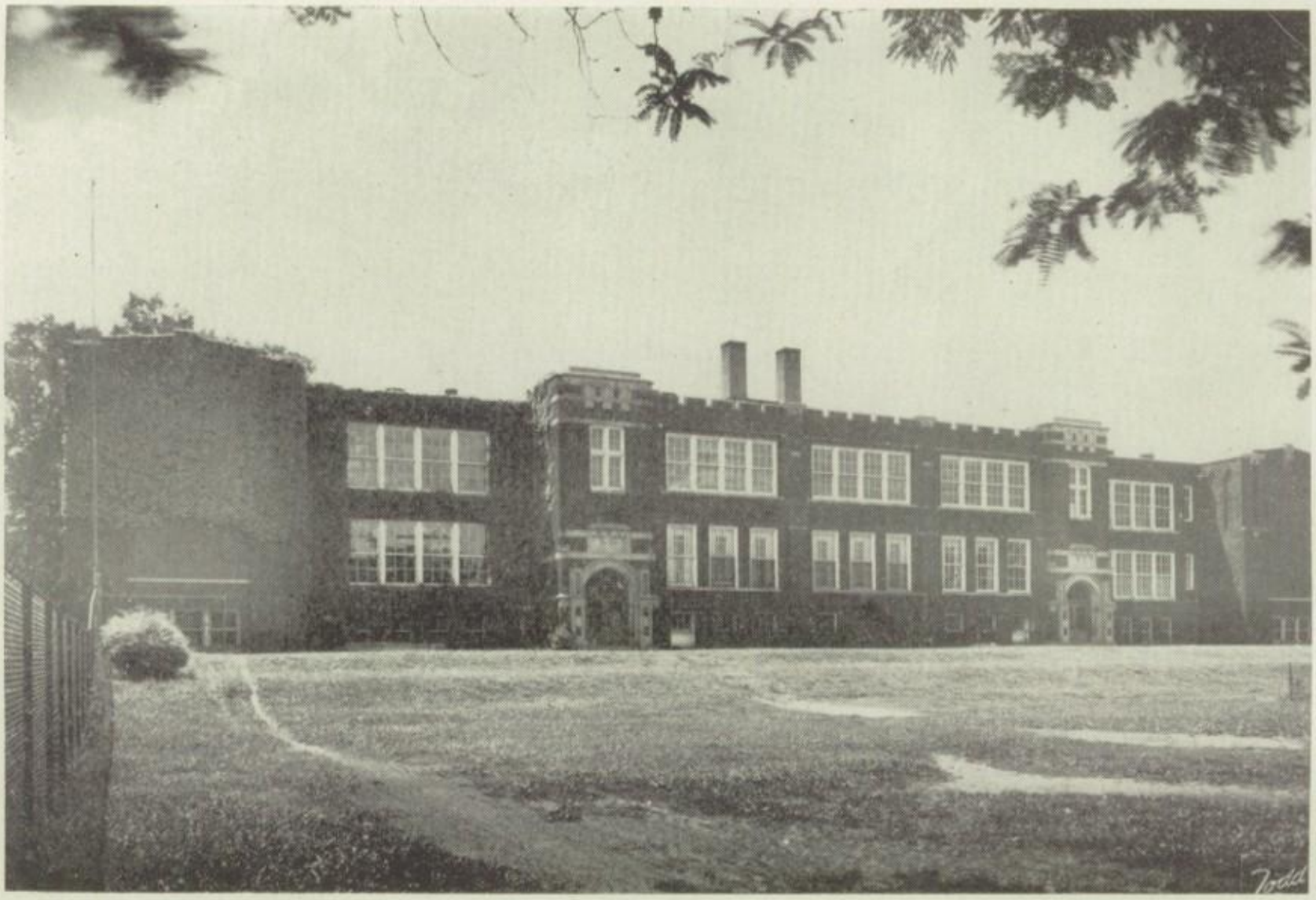
The Excalibur Staff of 1954 wishes to express its appreciation to all the teachers of Van Wert High and to all the businessmen for their kind co-operation. The staff is proud to announce that they not only edited the 1954 Excalibur but also financed it without the aid of ads but by various activities throughout the school year. Some of the activities sponsored by the staff are candy sales, Homecoming dance, mums, penny lunch, barbeque, tax stamps, and the subscriptions to the Excalibur. We, the staff of "54", give our best wishes to the staff of "55" and hope they have as successful a year as we.



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O Van Wert Hi, the school we love,

Our true devotion we would prove;

Thy traditions gladly share,

The noble banner proudly bear.

In our work and in our play

We'll ever strive to lead the way.

School we love, on us rely,

The loyal youth of Van Wert Hi.

VAN WERT HIGH FIGHT SONG

We're loyal to you Van Wert High

We're all staunch and true Van Wert High

We'll back you to stand

Against the best in the land

For we know you will win Van Wert High

Rah! Rah!

Go crashing ahead Van Wert High

Go smashing ahead Van Wert High

Our team is our faith protector

Our boys will all expect

A victory from you Van Wert High.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

7—Labor Day.
8—Went to Fair.
9—Oh, my aching stomach!
10—Pageant—one, two, three, four—
11—League Preview at Wapak.
14—School! Hi Greenies!
18—We beat Bryan 26-7.
20—Cooked (?) dinner at Reha's.
21—Pass the Alka-Seltzer!
22—Pictures taken—Camera broke on me.
25—Lost to Defiance 13-12.
26—Joan had one of her famous parties.
28—S.R.A. Tests—This is just the beginning!
29—Signed activity tickets.
30—Writers' cramp!

OCTOBER

1—Class elections.
2—First Quill—We Beat Kenton 41-0.
6—Went roller skating.
7—Gave up roller skating.
9—Swamped Shawnee 34-6.
12—Learned to knit today.
13—Y-Teen Meeting.
16—Homecoming. Barbecue. Tied Bellefontaine 7-7. Queen Kay.
18—Methodist Hayride. Discovered I have hay fever.
19—Started English report. It's about time.
22—Hospital Assembly.
23—Teachers' Meeting. End of six weeks. Lost to Wapak 19-7.
27—Business Education Day.
28—G.A.A. Football Potluck.
30—Fall Festival.
31—Midnight Show. Steve embarrassed.

NOVEMBER

1—Recuperating!!
2—Elizabeth and Essex.
4—Student Council.
5—Tied St. Marys 20-20. First Snow.
7—Jane's party—entertained by Phil's germs.
9—Started knitting argyles for ..... for Christmas.
10—G.A.A. Program for Mothers.
11—No school!!
12—Juniors order class rings.
13—Walloped Celina 53-21. Dads' Night.
15—Potluck for P—Kay at Loretta's.
17-18—Junior Class Play—"Wish On the Moon."
20—"Turkey Wobble" Mixer—Turkey injected humor into the evening.
25—Thanksgiving Assembly 2:30.
26—Vacation.
27—Formation of the S.S.Q.'s. Wow!
28—Won first basketball game from Findlay 45-41.
30—First Community Concert. Piano Duo.

DECEMBER

1—Football Banquet.
2—Val Lauder spoke at assembly. The boys loved it!!
4—Lost to Lima Central.
5—Beaten again by Defiance.
8—Junior-Senior Y-Teen Christmas Party.
11—Beat Ada in overtime 62-55.
13—"Messiah".
15—Lost by one measley point to St. Johns.
16—D.C.T. Party.
18—Won over Shawnee 60-59.
19—Decorated Christmas trees.
21—One and ½ argyles. Poor ..... Dad, can I have an advance??
22—Christmas assembly.
23—Getting into the spirit! Christmas exchange at Jane's.
24—Santa Claus comes tonight!
25—Was he good to you?
27—Went ice skating.
28—Gave up ice skating. Beat Celina in tournament.
29—Snowball. Got kicked out of cemetery at 3 A.M.
31—Joan's Party. Hoppy New Year!! Whoopee!!!

JANUARY

1—Slept in.
3—Rode Flutter May.
4—Back to the old grind!
6—F.F.A. Meeting.
8—Lost to Bellefontaine.
9—Surprise party for Loretta. Ouch!
12—Beat Paulding.
14—Assembly. The Smythes.
15—Lost league game to St. Marys.
16—Senior Scholarship Test—Look, Mom, no brains!!
19—Joint Senior Hi-Y and Y-Teen Meeting.
20—Excalibur Penny Lunch.
22—Basketball at Celina—lost.
23—Lost again to Xenia Central.
26—Again to Decatur.
27—Alice operated on.
30—Junior Y-Teen Bake Sale.

FEBRUARY

3—F.H.A. and F.F.A. Meetings.
8-10—Vocal Varieties. Really different.
12—Beat Bluffton. Y-Teen Valentine Dance. Queen and King of Hearts.
15—Community Concert. Five Harpists.
16—Y-Teen County Dinner.
17-18—Lions' Club Minstrel.
19—Walloped Kenton 50-40.
21—Joy's Party. Fun!
22—No school, thank heavens!
23—Sinclair Talent Show.
26—Beat Bryan 71-56. Sock Hop.
27—Declamation Contest. Coal Miners!

MARCH

1—Beat Napoleon in tournament.
3—Senior Class Play tryouts.
4—Lost to Bryan in tournament—Nice work, Fellows!
8-10—Dr. Frank Slutz.
12—End of 4th six weeks—only 12 more to go!
14—Gave up knitting argyles. Hopeless case!
17-19—One Act Plays. Speech Classes.
23-26—Every Pupil Tests.
30—Assembly.
31—Preliminary District State Tests.

APRIL

1—Trav's on the loose again! Beware!!
6-7—Senior Class Play. Charge!
10—State finals for solos and ensembles at BGSU.
15—Easter Assembly.
16—No school. Good Friday.
23—G.A.A. Mixer.
30—County Y-Teen Dance.

MAY

1—Final District State Tests.
7—S.S.Q.'s whoop it up!!
11—Senior Y-Teen Farewell Meeting.
14—Band Festival.
21—Junior-Senior Prom. Look, Mom, no feet!!
22—Sleep, blessed sleep!
23—Baccalaureate.
27—We're almost there!!
28—Senior assembly. Elks Dance.

JUNE

1—Commencement at 6:30.
2—Out at last!
3—Resumed knitting argyles. If at first you don't succeed . . .
4—Grade cards.
5—Have a great summer, kids!

We, the Excalibur Staff, are proud to dedicate our 1954 Excalibur to Mr. Coon, our advisor. We feel he has done an outstanding job in his field and has contributed to our high school's high scholastic and social standards. May you continue to be as friendly and helpful in the future as you have been in the past.

SCHOOL BOARD

LEFT TO RIGHT: Donald White, Vice-President; Henry Prior; R. D. Bennet; Hazel Gleason, President; Walter Tolan; Cyril Bechtol; F. Earl Shaffer, Clerk.

The school board is composed of a group of civic minded citizens who sacrifice their time and careers so that Van Wert may have a better school system. Due gratitude should be expressed to them for their fine governoring of our schools.

MR. BENNET

Mr. Bennet serves as superintendent of schools in the city of Van Wert and is a very busy man. He still finds time, however, to take a personal interest in the functions of the high schools and its students. The class of '54 is happy to have had the acquaintance of such a man and we know Mr. Bennet will continue doing his best for Van Wert High.

MR. BAKER

We, the members of the class of 1954, have considered ourselves especially fortunate to have had Mr. Baker as our friend and counsellor for our 4 years of high school life. Since high school is not "all work and no play", Mr. Baker has shown us that he is not only highly competent in the scholastic part of high school but that he will also go far out of his way to assist the individual or the various clubs in planning their programs. We are proud to have had Mr. Baker as our principal and we hope that we will be able to live up to the high qualities and good citizenship which he has tried to instill in us at all times.

MR. GALAPOO

As head of the guidance department of V. W. H. S., Mr. Gallapoo has labored long and tirelessly to help the students of the high school find part time employment, help him decide on his life career, or perhaps advise him of a particular college. Whatever he is engaged in, you can be sure he will gladly pitch in and help so someone else may benefit. He has proved himself to be able to teach in the classroom also. Van Wert should be proud to have Mr. Gallapoo as a member of the faculty.

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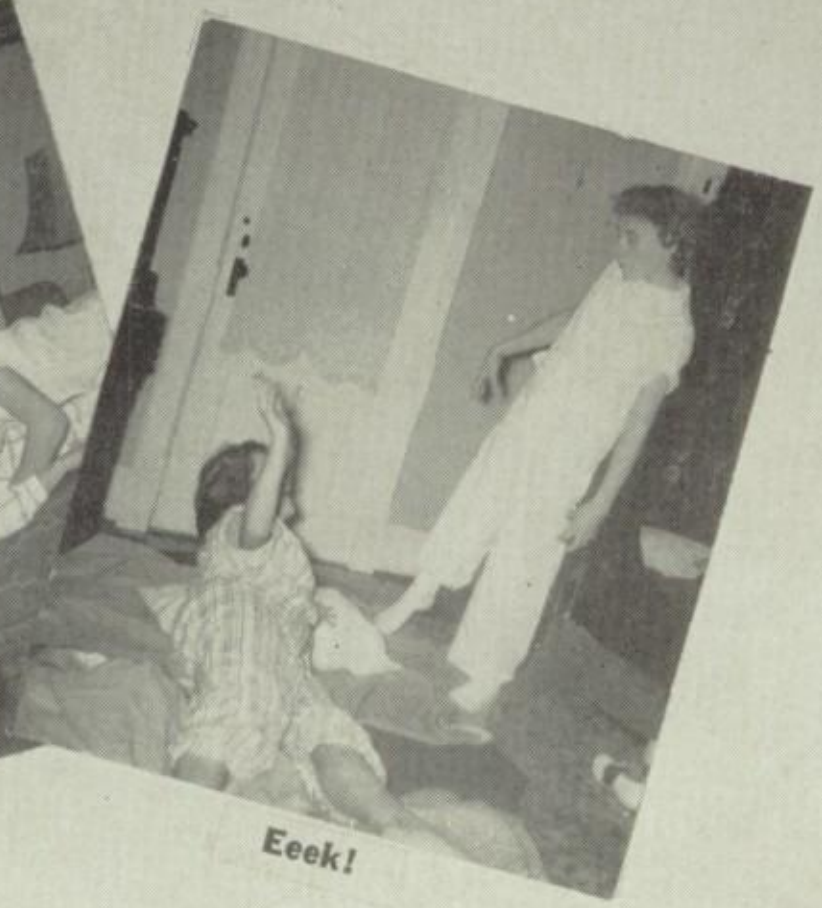
Hen party!



Eeek!

I'll get you yet!

Watch the birdie!

Oh, that evil look!

Wha hoppen?

Her Majesty

Vicious circle!

Penny lunchers

Hop, hop, hop!

Crazy mixed-up kids!

Happy Birthday, Carol!

Our Star!

Our Queen

Forward March

When we were young and Innocent!

Dreaming, Nancy?

Seniors

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Since that glorious September day in 1950 when we, the class of 1954, entered Van Wert High; the number of you classmates has gradually decreased. Yet our loyalty to the school has grown and grown, until now, at commencement time, it has reached the peak. We hope this devotion will always remain this way.

Even when we were little frosh, we started looking forward to the day when we would be SENIORS. Yet, we knew that would be quite a while, so we began living our days one by one. We elected the following people to represent us during our freshman year; President, John Blake; Vice-President, Kathleen Moore; Secretary, Loretta Huffine; Treasurer, Reha Elston.

During our Sophomore year the following people were elected: President, Ben Spieth; Vice-President, Mary Jerome; Secretary, Karen Brockert; Treasurer, Reha Elston.

When we became Juniors we began to feel like wheels at last. We had complete charge of the Junior-Senior Prom; we presented our first class play; and we ordered our class rings. The class officers chosen that year were President, Dan Murphy; Vice-President, Kathleen Moore; Secretary, Ann Helman; Treasurer, Kay Preston.

We elected the following people to lead the class of 1954; President, Bill Dias; Vice-President, John Blake; Secretary, Loretta Huffine; Treasurer, Joy Preston. Of course, there were other leaders in our class. Presidents of various organizations were: G.A.A. Barbara LaLonda; Y-Teens, Joan Wells; V-Club, Trav Kouts; Senior Hi-Y, John Blake; F.F.A., Fred Giessler; F.T.A., Judy Nash; Rondezvous, Trav Kouts; Student Council, Phil Tanner; and National Honor Society, Chuck Richey.

Five of the more energetic girls of our class who have been cheerleaders were, Vangie Barrientoes, with three years to her credit; Carolyn Bradford, two years; Joanne Johnson, two years; Jane Good, one year; and Nancy Imler, one year.

Reha Elston and Loretta Huffine did a fine job of strutting before the band.

Our very lovely homecoming queen this year was Kay Brown, who previously had been an attendant for two years. Kay's attendant this year was Shirley Speakman.

The girls chosen to take the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Test were Reha Elston, Ginger Miller, Kathleen Moore, Joy Preston, and Sue Rager.

The Junior Rotarians were John Blake, Fred Giessler, Dave Hertel, Dick Giessler, Tom Kiggins, Steve Moyer, Dan Murphy, Joe Raabe, Chuck Richey, and Phil Tanner.

Those rambunctious lads who helped our Cougar football team were Roger Agler, Bill Dias, Gerry Dierks, Ron Doner, Gale Gilliland, Trav Kouts, Dan McConahay, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner, Lester Wisener. The outstanding backfieldman was Dan McConahay, and the lineman was Phil Tanner. Chosen on the W.B.L. team were Bill Dias, Gale Gilliland, Ron Doner, and Chuck Richey. The manager was Ron Lowe.

Our basketball team included these seniors; Dave Hertel, Stan Miller, Dan Murphy, and Chuck Richey. The team's manager was Bill Waldron. Their team won the Celina tournament during our Junior and Senior years.

And then there was a baseball team, too. Roger Agler, Dick Giessler, Bill Gipe, Dan Murphy, and Chuck Richey helped to make up this team.

During our high school life there were certain highlights which we shall not easily forget. The a capella choir received a 1 in state contest for three straight years and the 1952-1953 football team was W. B. L. champs.

Members of the National Honor Society who were elected our Junior year were Chuck Richey, President; Kathleen Moore, Vice-President; Kay Brown, Secretary; Ann Helman, Treasurer. The new members are Karen Brockert, Marcia Miller, Ginger Miller, Reha Elston, Joan Wells, and Steve Moyer.

Last, but certainly not the least, was commencement. We hope in some small way each member of the class of 1954 has contributed to the betterment of the school. We sincerely want to thank all our teachers for all the headaches and the enjoyments which they have helped us through. Thus with the foundation that has been laid for us these past four years, we hope that someday Van Wert High will say of the class of '54, "We're proud of you."

ROGER LELAND AGLER **"Rosey"**

Here is a guy we call Rog,
Work or play he'll never dodge.

Hi-Y Member 2, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; F.T.A. Member 1.

JACK AURAND **"Jack"**

Jack we call him, John's his name,
We know he'll reach his goal of fame.

D.C.T. Member 4; One Act Plays.

KAY BAGLEY **"Kay"**

Neat and nice is our Kay,
She is tops in every way.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2.

COLLEEN MARIE BAIRD **"Minnie"**

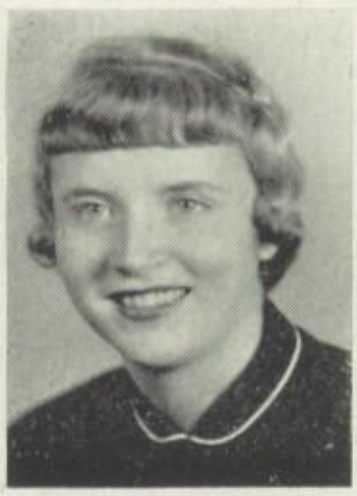
Here we have a happy lass,
She doesn't worry, she knows she'll pass.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.H.A. Member 2, 3; Band 1; Senior Scholarship test; Intramurals 1, 2; Class Play 3.

FRANCIS BALLIET **"Whitey"**

Francis is the kind of guy,
Who speaks to all as they pass by.

Football 1, 2.



SANDRA LEE BALTZELL **"Sandy"**

A swell girl we all agree,
Just look and you will see.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 3; D.C.T. 4; Choir 1, 2.

EVANGELINE BARRIENTOS **"Vangie"**

Vangie sure has loads of pep,
At everything she is adept.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Lyre Club Member 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD BARRIENTOS **"Barry"**

Rick is great we all agree,
Fortune smiled on him you see.

D.C.T. Member 4; D.C.T. Cabinet 4, Sergeant at Arms; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Baseball 1.

JOHN BLAKE **"Johnny"**

Here's a lad active in every way,
Friendliness and happiness every day.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet 4, President; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Business Mgr.; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Rendezvous Committee 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Intramurals 3, 4; Class President 1; Class Vice President 4; Senior Class Play.

ELAINE BLAIR

Elaine is known for her pretty hair,
And her new last name of Blair.

JIM BOWERSOCK **"Jay Bee"**

Jim is a sharp boy, we say
Everyone seems to like him that way.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 1, 2, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Senior Class Play.

CAROLYN BRADFORD **"Brad"**

From our heart she'll never stray,
Not even for a single day.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2; G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Student Council 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

KAREN BROCKERT **"Brock"**

Karen has a voice like a lark,
In our hall of fame she'll leave a mark.

Secretary 2; Y-Teens Music Chrm. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; National Honor Society 4.

KAY BROWN **"Queenie"**

Kay was our homecoming queen,
We all think she is pretty keen.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Secretary 2; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; G.A.A. Cabinet 1; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Homecoming Queen; Homecoming Attendant 2, 3; Student Council 3; Intramurals 1, 2; National Honor Society 3, 4; Secretary 3; Student Librarian 3, 4.

MARTHA JEAN BROWN **"Marti"**

Marti to us, she's really neat,
She's one of those who are elite.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4.

GAIL BURGET

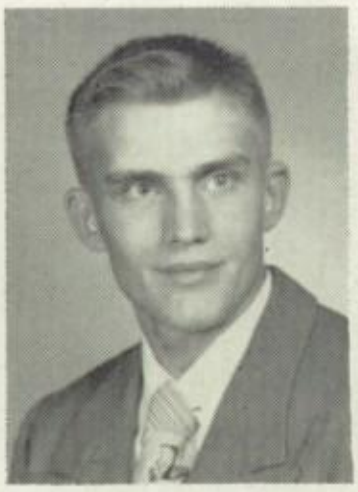
Gail is known far and wide,
In his car he'll take you a ride.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Sergeant at Arms 4; A Cappella Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Intramurals 3, 4; School Projectionist 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD CARTER **"Curly"**

Dick's a diller, a dollar,
What you'd call a ten o'clock scholar.

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; Vice President 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef."



BEVERLY CASE **"Gussie"**

Blonde, good-natured, witty as well,
What she'll do next—no one can tell.

Y-Teens Member 1, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Senior Class Play.

SHIRLEY A. COLLINS **"Collie"**

Shirley has a love of sports,
Her favorite is the basketball courts.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Basketball Manager 4; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef."

ESTHER YVONNE COPELAND **"Putt"**

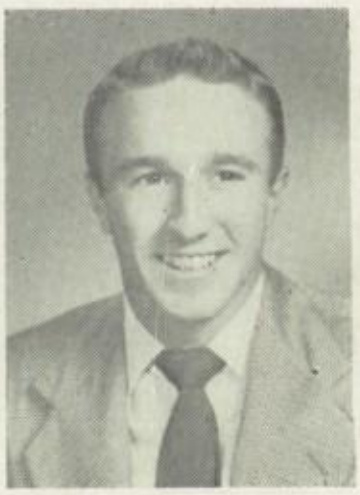
Friendly toward all—with manner sweet,
The kind of girl you'd like to meet.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Usherette Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Cabinet—Vice-President 3; President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef."

RONALD CROWE **"Horace"**

Mechanics seem to be in his line,
At something like this he'll always be fine.

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; Basketball 1; Intramurals 1.



WILLIAM DIAS **"Red"**

Here's a boy with a smooth technique,
He also has a good physique.

Class President 4; Hi-Y Member 1; V-Club Member 3, 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 2, 3; President 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 4.

GERRY DIERKS **"Gerry"**

Gerry is a lad who's easy to please,
Full of mischief and ready to tease.

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; V-Club Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4.

CAROL DONER **"Poe"**

Carol has blonde curly hair,
When fun's to be had—
She's always there.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Vocal Varieties.

LEWIE DUSTMAN

Another one of those gay chaps,
A furniture salesman he'll be, perhaps.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Treasurer 2; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

LLOYD EARLY **"Jubalee"**

Lloyd is straight, lanky, and tall,
Just think how hard he'll have to fall.

Scarlet Quill Staff; Chorus 3; Baseball 4.

MARIANNE EDWARDS **"Peach"**

She lays her fingers upon the keys,
Then hear those glad, gay melodies.

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; One Act Plays.

REHA ELSTON **"Whisp"**

Reha is friendly, cute, and fun,
A more sincere person you'll find none.

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur, Editor; Scarlet Quill Staff; Rendezvous Committee 2, 3, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; D.A.R. Pilgram Contestant; One Act Plays; Majorette 4; Interclub Council 2; National Honor Society 4; F.T.A. Member.

JAN FARLOW **"Big Jan"**

A real sharp dresser have we here,
Can dance superbly so we hear.

Hi-Y member 1, 2, 3, 4; D.C.T. member 4; D.C.T. Cabinet 4; Chorus 1; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ELAINE FAST

She's tall as she walks down the hall,
And she's as nice as she is tall.

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4.

CLARA MAE FURRELL **"Clarie"**

Always full of fun and glee,
Ready with a witty saying is she.

Y-Teens member 1, 2; G.A.A. member 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Chorus 1.

FRED GIESSLER **"F.W."**

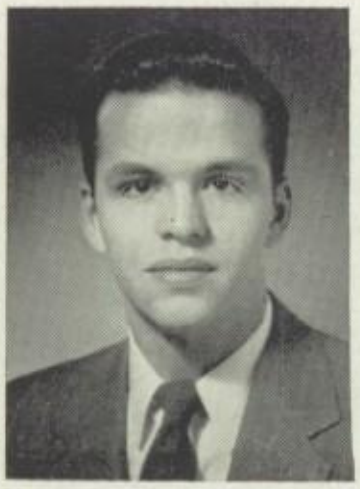
Here is a swell guy to know,
You'll hear him say "go fans go."

Hi-Y member 1, 3; F.F.A. member 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 3, 4; F.F.A. President 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1; Rendezvous Committee 1, Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef" Stage Manager; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Vocal Varieties 3, 4; Senior Class Play.

RICHARD A. GIESSLER "Big Dick"

One of the best looking boys we ever saw,
If he'd give them a chance the girls he would draw.

Hi-Y member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y President 2; V-Club member 4; Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2; Baseball 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff Student Council 3, 4; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Class Play; Boys' State; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys Octette 2; Camera Club 4; Student Director Visual Ed. 2, 3, 4.



GALE GILLILAND "Shorty"

Just another bashful young farmer,
You can see though, that he's quite a charmer.

V-Club 3, 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

WILLIMAN GINGRICH "Bill"

Grave as a judge but very nice,
If you can but break the ice.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3.

BILL GIPE "Gippie"

Kind of short, not too tall,
But this boy's a friend to all.

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet 4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef."

JANE GOOD "Janie"

To one boy she is willing to remain true,
With her hair she looks good in blue.

Y-Teens member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; One Act Plays; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4.

KAY HALLIWILL "Kity"

She is pleasant and happy all the while,
And for everyone she has a smile.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

SHIRLEY CAROLINE IRENE HEIGHT
"Clyde Dougal McFretter"

Happy, Smiling, full of pep,
And to her studies she is hep.

ANN HELMAN "Annie"

Brains galore, loads of fun,
When there's work, she'll get it done.

Class Secretary 3; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2, 3; F.T.A. Member 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 2; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Girls' State; National Honor Society 3, 4; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3.

MARY LOU HERMINGHUYSEN

Happy am I; from care I'm free,
Few things there are that worry me.

G.A.A. Member 4.

DAVID HERTEL **"Dave"**

We all think he's quite the kid,
Bless you, Dave, you've got our bid.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Assistant Editor; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 1, 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Boys' State Alternate; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 4.

BETTY HINES **"Louy"**

This senior girl is quiet and shy,
You'd never know she's at Van Wert High.

Band 1, 2, 3.

LORETTA HUFFINE **"Huff"**

Small in stature, curly hair,
Mischief peaks out everywhere.

Class Secretary 1, 4; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Excalibur Business Manager; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4; Majorette 4; Senior Class Play.

NANCY IMLER

Her ambition to be a nurse,
But always to us our friend first.

Y-Teens Member 1; Y-Teens Cabinet 1; G.A.A. Member 1; D.C.T. Member 4; D.C.T. Secretary 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Cheerleader 1, 2.

INEZ JENKINS **"Chick"**

By her picture you can see,
She's just as nice as she can be.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Treasurer 4; F.T.A. Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 1, 2; Lyre Club Member 3, 4.

MARY JEROME

You can count on her to be a friend,
She's sure to be one till the end.

Class Vice President 2; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef"; Scholarship Team 2.

DEAN JOHNS

Someday a carpenter he will be,
And as friendly a fellow you ever did see.

D.C.T. Member 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 4.

JOANNE JOHNSON **"Jo"**

Friendly to all with manners sweet
She's a girl you would like to meet.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Cheerleader 3, 4.

ALICE ANN JONES **"Al"**

Happy-go-lucky all through the day,
She's bound to get by, if she stays this way.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Senior Class Play.

OLLEN JONES **"Jones"**

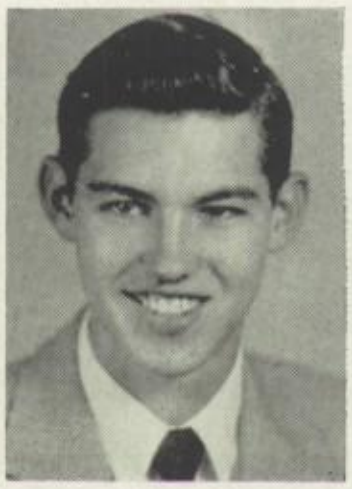
Ollen is a real good guy,
To be a friend he'll always try.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; D.C.T. Member 3, 4; D.C.T. President 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3; Football 1, 2; Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

BEVERLY KEIPPER **"Bev"**

She's quiet in class and in the hall,
But just the same she's a friend to all.

One Act Play, "On the Carpet."



MILO RICHARD KEITH **"Mike"**

He never has a foe,
A friendly guy is Milo.

D.C.T. Member 3, 4; D.C.T. Treasurer 4; Intramurals 1.

BEVERLY KESLER **"Bev"**

Bev is a gal who needs no reminder,
Among many you will find no kinder.

Y-Teens 1; G.A.A. Member 1; F.H.A. Member 1, 2; Usherette Member 1, 2, 3.

EVA KAY KESLER **"Heck"**

She is never full of grief,
A good friend, is our belief.

Y-Teens Member 1; G.A.A. Member 1; F.H.A. Member 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 3; Usherette Member 1, 2; Usherette Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2.

TOM KIGGINS

In class he never has much to say,
But when he's with boys he's never that way.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 2, 3, 4; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Senior Invitations Committee.

KENNETH KNITTLE **"Kenny"**

An artist he is studying to be,
He'll succeed you wait and see.

Hi-Y Member 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Basketball Manager 3; Junior Prom Committee; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Student Librarian; Senior Class Play.

TRAVIS KOUTS **"Trav"**

Quite a lad, with the lasses,
Flirting and smiling as he passes.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2; Hi-Y Cabinet 2; V-Club Member 3, 4; V-Club President 4; F.F.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. Cabinet 3; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 1; Junior Prom Committee; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4; Intramurals 1, 2; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

BARBARA JEAN LALONDE **"Babs"**

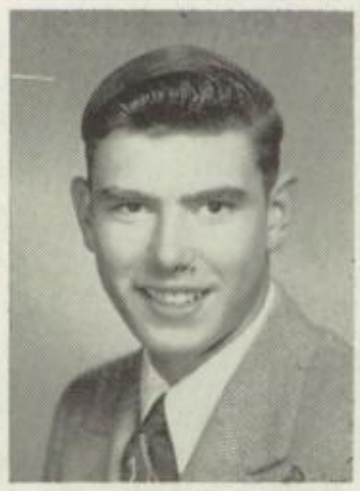
Barb's our president of G.A.A.
And in everything she's O.K.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. President 4.

ROBERT LIPPI **"Bob"**

In the deck of looks, he holds four aces,
His friendly smile will take him places.

Chorus 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Vocal Varieties 3, 4; Soloist.



RONALD HERBERT LOWE **"Ronnie"**

A football manager is this lad,
At making friends he's not bad.

V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 3, 4; Baseball Manager 1, 2; Scholarship Team 1.

SHARON McCOLLUM

Sharon McCollum is quite a name,
With her looks she'll win her fame.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

DANNY McCONAHAY **"Mac"**

Here's a lad, he's quite tall,
For old Van Wert he'd give his all.

V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 2; Junior Prom Committee; Student Council 4; Intramurals 4.

LARRY McDANIEL **"Mopey"**

One of the best our school ever knew,
We wish him luck his whole life through.

Basketball 1.

HELEN MARIE MACE
"Swinkle Eyes"

Small, fun, and full of pep,
We all think she's pretty hep.

Y-Teens Member 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

DELORES MARTIN **"Dee"**

She is a member of the band,
We all think that she is grand.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test.

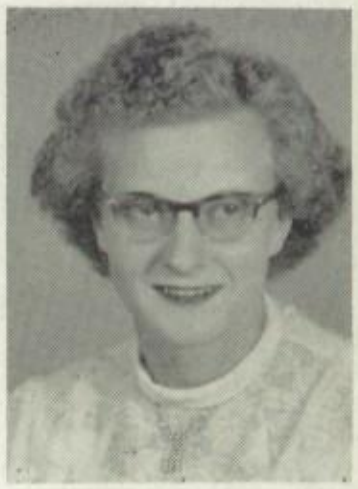
JERRY MARTZ

Jerry is a friend to all,
He never lets your spirits fall.

GRACE MEFFERD

Grace is learning to cook and sew,
She is one good kid—we know.

G.A.A. Member 3, 4; Chorus 1; Band 1.



MARY MIHM

Perhaps a little shy,
But a friend you can't deny.

CAROL JOAN MILLER **"Jo"**

Carol is known to one and all,
Her friends are many, her enemies small.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3; A Cappella Choir 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays.

GINGER MILLER **"Ging"**

All of Ginger's dreams will come to reality,
Because she's got plenty of personality.

Y-Teens Member 3, 4; F.T.A. Member 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; D.A.R. Pilgrim contestant; One Act Plays; National Honor Society 4.

MARCIA MILLER

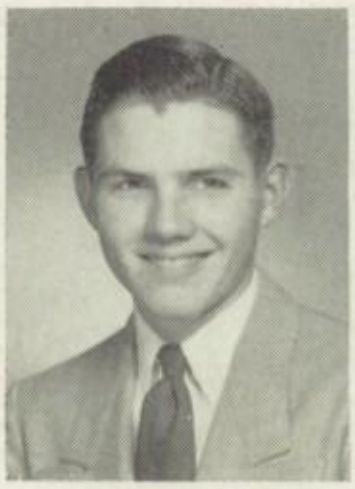
Marcia's got looks and personality plus,
She's a friend to all of us.

Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 4.

STANLEY MILLER **"Stan"**

A Friendly boy have we here,
To all our hearts he's dear.

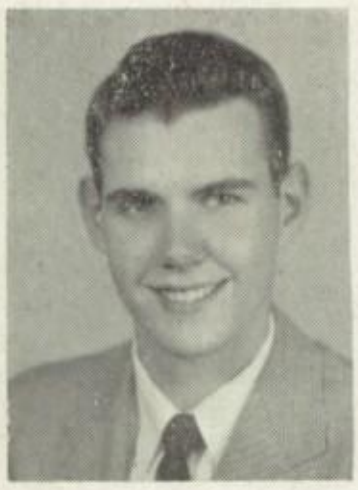
Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2.



KATHLEEN MOORE **"Leenie"**

Very well liked by all the girls and boys,
She's one of our pride and joys.

Class Vice President 1, 3; Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens President 2, Cabinet 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Girls' State Alternate; National Honor Society 3, 4; D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Senior Class Play.



STEPHEN MOYER **"Steve"**

Known to all for his sense of humor,
On jokes he's a connoisseur.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Intramurals 2, 3; Class Play "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Boys' Octette 2; Camera Club 2, 3; Dance Band 1, 2, 3; National Honor Society 4; Senior Class Play.

DANNY RAY MURPHY **"Murph"**

A basketball player have we here,
It's a blow to the team to lose him this year.

Class President 3; Hi-Y Member 3, 4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; V-Club Vice-President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 3, 4; Junior Rotarian.

KAY MURRAY

Here's a girl with plenty of class,
In any situation she will pass.

Class Officer, Treasurer 3; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1.

JUDITH ANN NASH **"Judy"**

Judy really likes to sing,
And that to her means everything.

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 2; F.T.A. Member 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. President 4; Usherette Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays.

ROGER POLING **"Maxie"**

The cares of life don't trouble me,
I'm just as happy as I can be.

One Act Plays 4.

JOY PRESTON

Friendly, cute, and full of fun,
She is liked by everyone.

Class Treasurer 4; Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Editor-in-Chief; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant; Intramurals 1, 2; Commencement Invitations Committee; Vocal Varieties 2, 3, 4.

PATRICIA PRITCHARD **"Pat"**

Pat is always meek and shy,
But don't you worry, she'll get by.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 2, 3; Chorus 1.

WELLS PURMORT **"Chirp"**

Friendly, jovial, so much fun,
None will best him on a pun.

Hi-Y Member 1, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 4; Baseball Manager 1; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

JOE RAABE **"Joe"**

He always smiles as if he were glad,
We have yet to see him sad.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Cabinet 1, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Boys Jr. Octette 2; Orotorical Contest; Senior Class Play.

SUE RAGER

Sue is a conscientious lass;
This makes her the pride and joy
of our class.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant; Scholarship Team 2; National Honor Society 4.

CHARLES RICHEY **"Chuck"**

In everything Chuck does do his best,
He stands out among all the rest.

Hi-Y Member 3, 4; Hi-Y Secretary 4; V-Club Member 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; National Honor Society 3, 4; Junior Rotarian; Scholarship Team 1, 2, 3; Boys' Octette 2; Senior Class Play.

TATIANA ROUSE **"Boots"**

By her picture you can see,
She's just as nice as she can be.

Senior Scholarship Test.

STANLEY SCOTT **"Scotty"**

We think Stan is one good kid,
Of him we never want to be rid.

V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 2; Basketball 2; Baseball 3, 4; Intramurals 4.

JANET SHAFFER **"Jan"**

Charmingly different, exceedingly gay,
Girls like Janet aren't found every day.

JOAN SHAW "Jo"

A nice girl with a winning way,
Some girl—we all say.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; F.H.A. Member 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. Cabinet 2, 3; Chorus 1; Junior Prom Committee.

JOAN SHOOK "Jo"

A sweet disposition has this gal,
To one and all she's a real pal.

Y-Teens Member 1; G.A.A. Member 1; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2; Rendezvous Committee 1.

ROBERT SHUPE "Shupie"

A friend to all is this jolly lad,
He's always happy—never sad.

Hi-Y Member 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4.

ROXANNA SMITLEY

Here's a girl of worthwhile sort,
She really rates as a good sport.

Y-Teens 1, 4; G.A.A. Member 1; Excalibur Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Scholarship Team 1.

SHIRLEY SPEAKMAN

Shirley is quiet and nice as can be,
There's not a girl in our class as sweet as she.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Junior Prom Committee; Homecoming Attendant 4; Student Council 4.

BEN SPEARMAN "The Kid"

Benny's a guy who's full of the old nick,
He's always up to some old trick.

Band 2, 3; Dance Band 2; Class Play 3.

BEN SPIETH "Speedy"

Ben is always up to par,
With his talent he'll go far.

Class President 1; Hi-Y Member 1, 2; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Lyre Club Member 3; Junior Prom Committee; Scarlet Quill Staff; Student Council 1, 2, 3; One Act Plays.

MIKE SPRAY "Sketch"

Instead of getting lessons when he should,
He had his fun—all he could.

PHIL TANNER **"Tuff"**

Here is a boy known by all,
He made his name in football.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; V-Club Member 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 4; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; Junior Rotarian; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

SHIRLEY TOMLINSON

Whenever Shirley's work is done,
She's out looking for fun.

Y-Teens Member 1; Chorus 3; One Act Plays 3.

CAROL UNTERBRINK **"Coy"**

Carol is carefree and gay,
We think she is swell that way.

G.A.A. Member 1, 2; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee.

BILL WALDRON **"Willie"**

Happy-go-lucky all through the day,
He's bound to get by if he stays this way.

F.T.A. Member 1; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1, 4; Excalibur Staff; One Act Plays; Senior Class Play.

JACK WALDRON **"Big Jack"**

Jack is a fellow who needs no reminder,
Among many you will find none kinder.

Football 3; Senior Scholarship Test; Student Council 3; Boys' State Alternate.

MARGARET JOAN WELLS **"Jo"**

Quick wit, poise, charming manner are combined,
To make her the nicest girl you'll find.

Y-Teens Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens Vice-President 2, Treasurer 3, President 4; G.A.A. Member 1, 2; F.T.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Senior Scholarship Test; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill Staff; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Scholarship Team 2; National Honor Society 4; Senior Class Play.

MARTHA JANE WERMER **"Twin"**

It's hard to tell these twins apart,
But both of them have a place in our heart.

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

MARY WERMER **"Twin"**

Martha and Mary are quite a pair,
When they're together there's fun to spare.

Y-Teens Member 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. Member 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Intramurals 4.

SALLY WORTHINGTON **"Nick"**

Put a paint brush in her hand,
She'll make a portrait of the land.

Chorus 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Student Council 3.

JAMES YAHN **"Sketch"**

This fellow can really tell a pun,
With him we all have loads of fun.

Hi-Y Member 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club Member 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Scholarship Test; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Vocal Varieties 2.

MARGARET E. YOUNG **"Margie"**

You can count on her to be a friend,
She's sure to be a good one until the end.

F.H.A. Member 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1.

SHIRLEY ZINSMEISTER **"Ziny"**

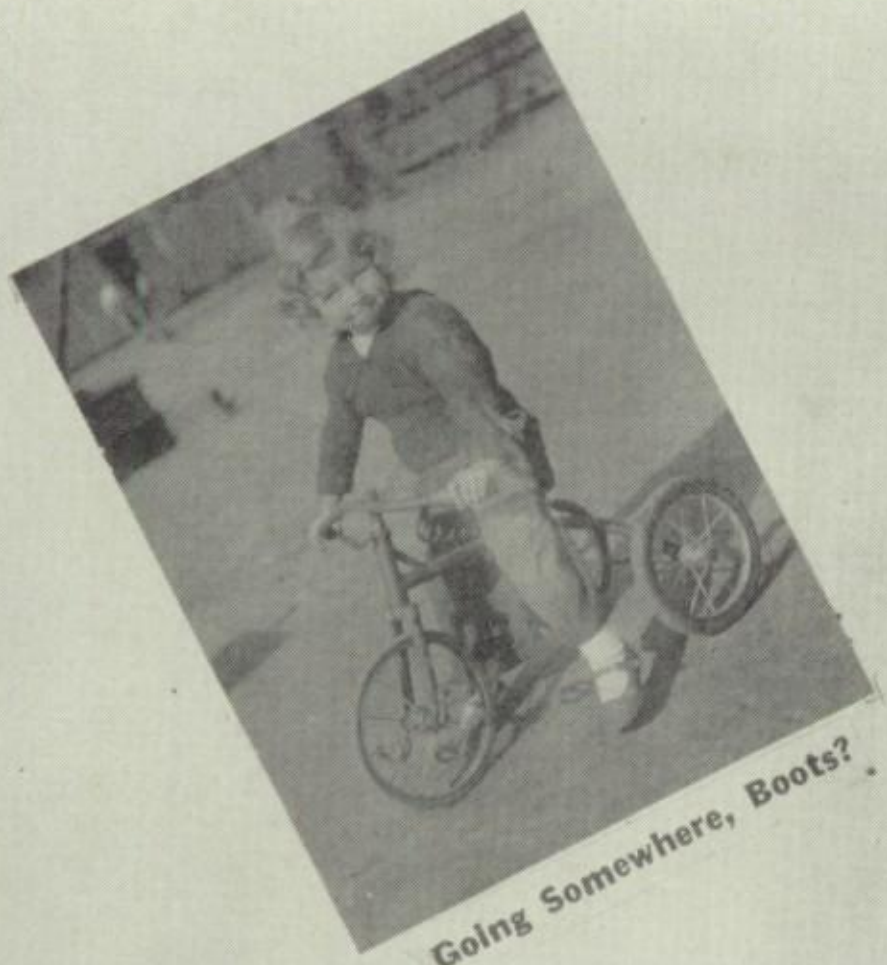
Shirley is sweet and very petite,
You'll admit she can't be beat.

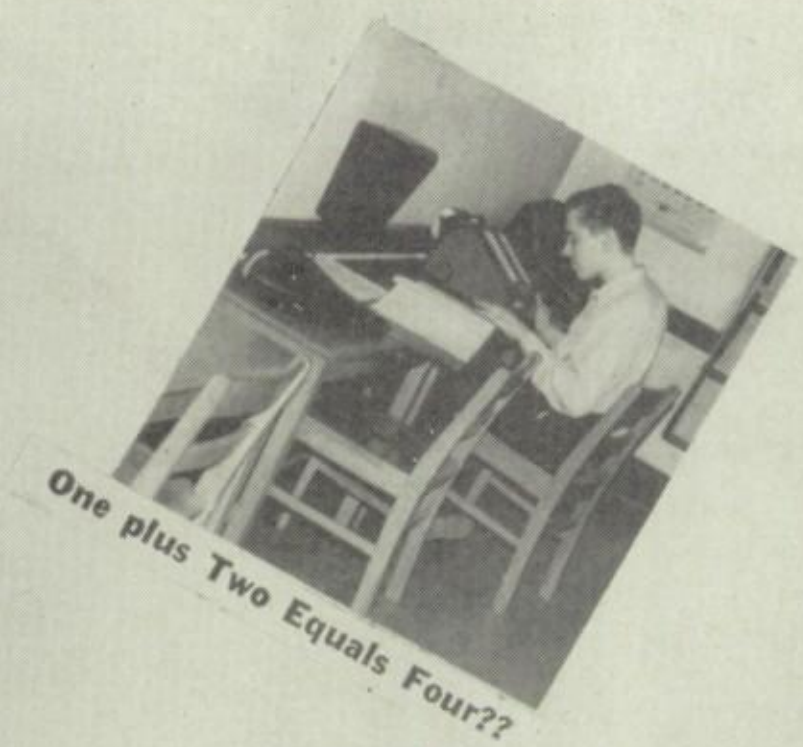
Chorus 1; A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextette 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Class Play, "Beauty and the Beef"; One Act Plays; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee.

Cheese Cake

Ah, Youth!

Sleepy (?) time, gals



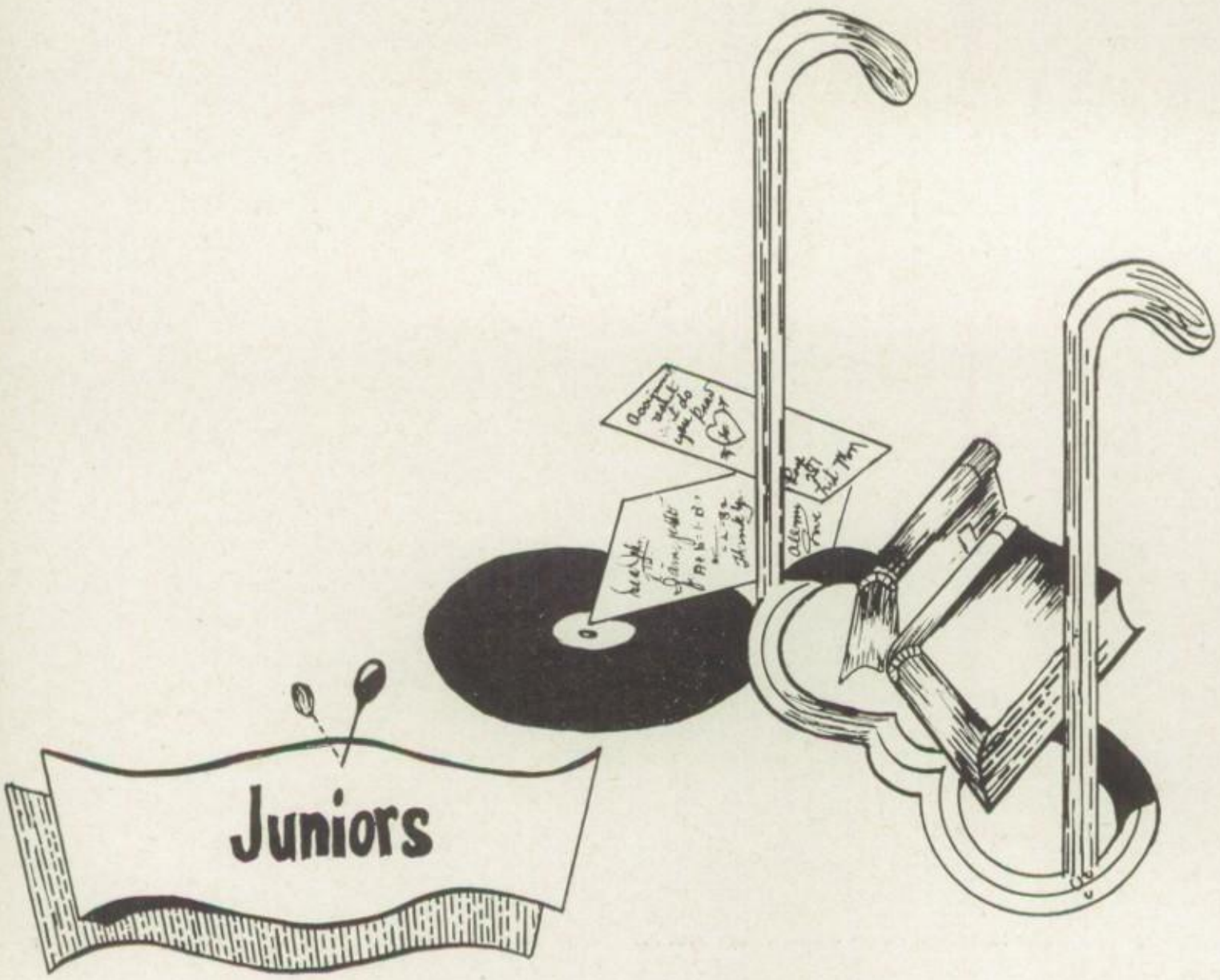
Going Somewhere, Boots?

One plus Two Equals Four??

Yea, Phil!

King and Queen of Hearts!

Crazy Little Mixed-up Man!

Here Goes My Coke Money!


Juniors

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

Open those heavenly portals and allow us lowly-under-upper classmen to pass through the gates into the heavenly realm of upper-upper classmen as Seniors!

We began our lowly reign by choosing Ronny Bagley for President, Don Tomlinson for Vice-President, Nancy Waymire for Secretary and Nancy Harruff for Treasurer.

The year's activities began with football. Representing us on the Cougar squad were: Ronny Bagley, Jim Jordan, Howard Fellers, Bob Keith, Danny Gorman, Ron Dilbone, Jerry Busch, Jim Mager, and Larry Butler. At the halftime you could see our strutting drum major, Janice Brown, going down the field at the head of the band. Cheering our boys on to victory, you could hear the voice of Carol Eggerss ring out from among the varsity cheerleaders. To take part in the Homecoming festivities, Danna Rider was chosen as the Queen's attendant from the Junior Class.

To help govern the school, our representatives for Student Council were Ronny Bagley, Jerry Busch, Carol Eggerss, Marilyn Weck, Howard Fellers, Harry Kouts, and John Alvarado.

Next came the basketball season with Ronny Bagley, Jim Jordan, Bob Keith, Jerry Busch, and Ron Dilbone representing our class on the squads. Nancy Harruff, Barbara Smith, and Nancy Waymire cheering them on from the Reserve cheerleading squad.

As our Junior Class Play, we presented "Wish on the Moon! In the cast, we had Nancy Dustman, Nancy Harruff, Carol Eggeress, Iona Brenneman, Linda White, Gary Stoller, Danny Gorman, Bob Keith, and Marilyn Spridgeon.

Our representative to Girls State for this year was Marilyn Spridgeon and our alternate Janice Brown.

The members on the National Honor Society are Nancy Waymire, Bob Keith, Janice Brown, Gary Stoller, Bob Mager, and Mary Bell.

—Written by Nancy Waymire.

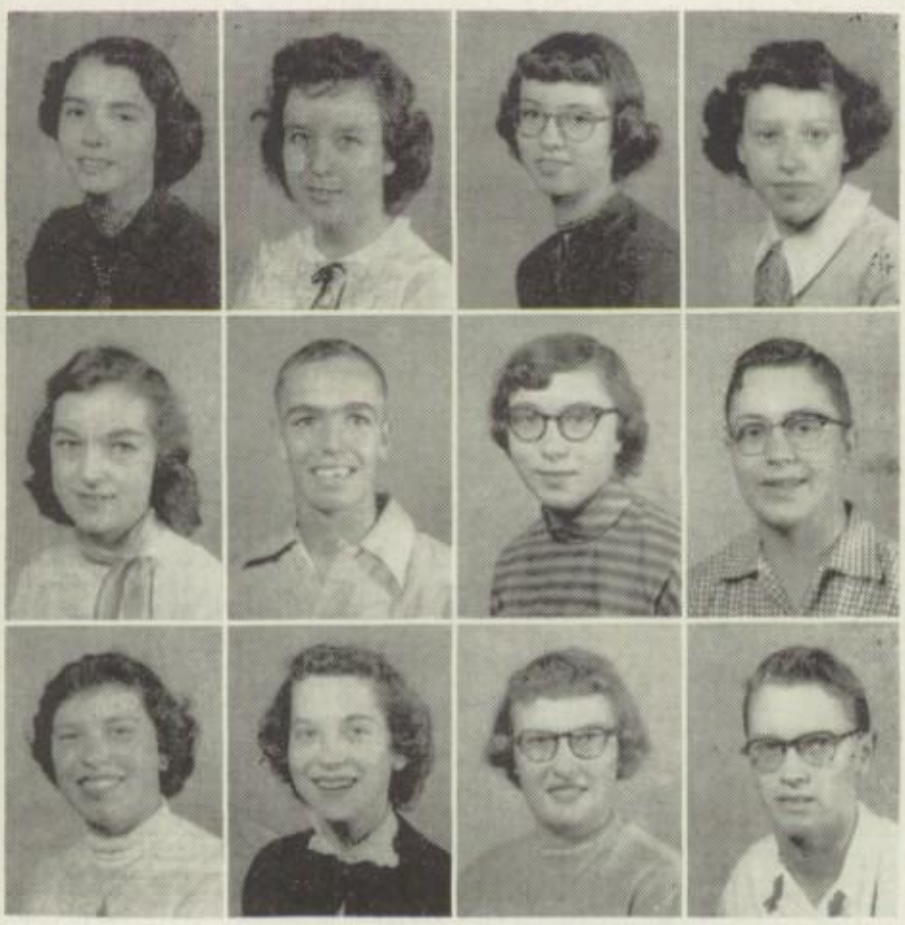
Starley Agler
Hugh Akerman
John Alvarado
David Ashbaugh

Ronald August
Ronny Bagley
Francis Balliet
Dianne Bartlett

Nancy Beams
Margaret Bell
Mary Bell
Jack Blackmore

Dorothy Block
Donn Borden
David Boroff
Iona Brenneman

Janice Brown
Jerry Busch
Peggy Butler
Rose Campbell



Donna Copeland
Shirley Corathers
Janet Cowgill
Emily Crow

Marcia Denig
Ronnie Dilbone
Eloise Doner
Don Dunifon

Martha Dunno
Nancy Dustman
Sandra Dysert
Phil Edsall

Carol Eggerss
Carol Evans
Howard Fellers
Carl Font

Julia Ford
Bill Galloway
Jackie Geisman
Marcia Geisman

Alice Germann
Karl Gingrich
Dan Gorman
Ed Grunden

Duane Hainline
Nancy Harruff
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Carol Hilton

Marilyn Hines
Jean Hipsley
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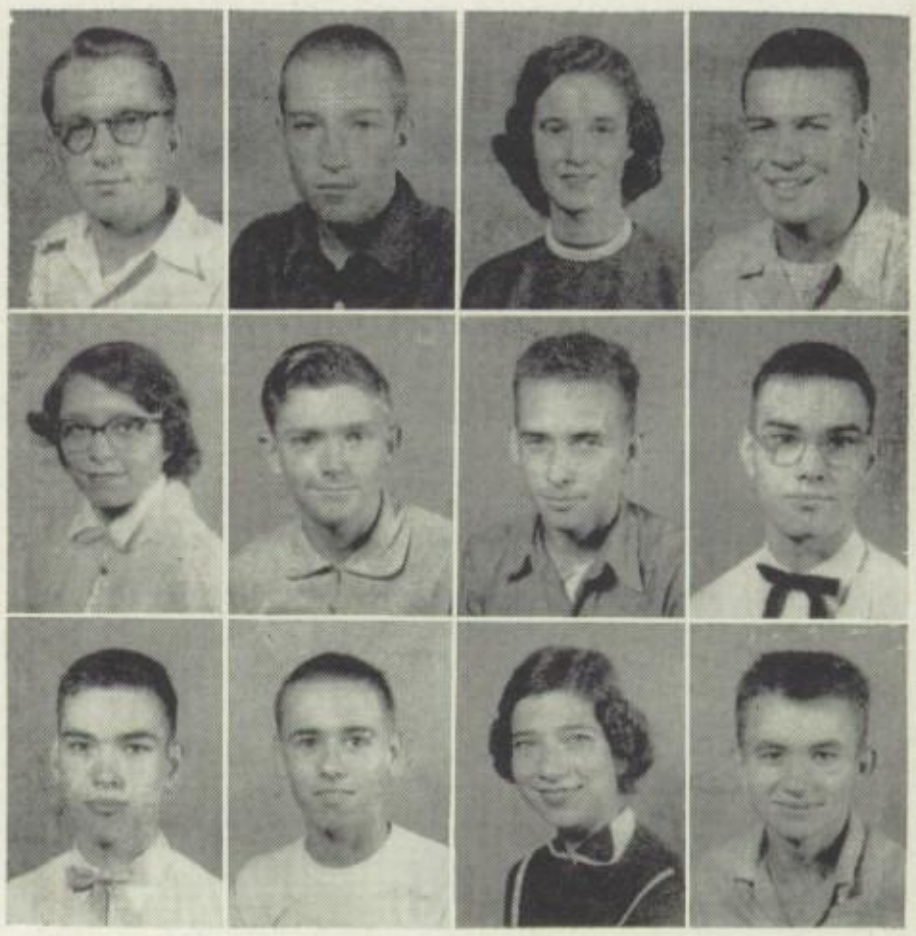
Marcia Ireton

Bill Johns
Jim Jordan
Peggy Kear
Bob Keith



Barbara Kesler
Bill Kreischer
Lawrence Krick
Raymond LaLonde

Richard LaLonde
Denny Linser
Joyce McCammon
Jim Mager

Leah May
John Merkle
Barbara Miller
Bob Mills

Harold Mohr
Ann Mottinger
Berthajane Myers
Louella Phillips

Bill Pontius
Esther Price
Jay Prichard
Esther Prishey

Jay Reed
Shirley Renner
Don Rhodenbaugh
Danna Rider

Shirley Riley
Bob Schaffner
Margaret Schwarck
Bob Sherman

Gerald Slane
Barbara Smith
Linda Spitler
Marilyn Spridgeon

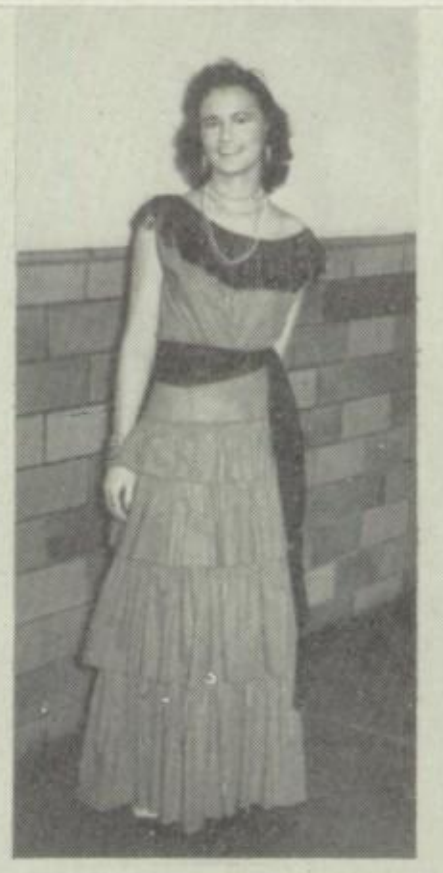
Dale Steele
Gary Stoller
Ruby Taylor
Colleen Thatcher

Don Tomlinson
Anne Turner
Jack Uncapher
Ralph Unterbrink

Peg Waldron
Nancy Waymire
Marilyn Weck
Joan Welker

Bob Wertz
Linda White
Gene Wilson
Gene Witherow

Boots and Inez in China



Carmen

And they're off!

Go, Stan

Shop Workers

Let's Dance

And They're Off!!

Yea, Murph!

Sweet and Lovely

Sophomores

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

Well, here we are again. One day, frightened freshmen; the next, confident sophomores. One rung higher on the ladder of education.

After renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, we elected class officers as follows: Jim Jones, President; Tom Giessler, Vice-President; Peg Wable, Secretary; and Delores Burke, Treasurer.

Linda Kirchenbauer was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council with five other sophomores serving on the Council.

Wearing the Scarlet and Gray on the gridiron were Bob Young, Jess Cooper, Jim Gilliland, Art Good, Walt Grunden, Harold Height, Tom Harden, Jim Jones, Marvin Mihm, Bob Mager, Ronnie Miller, and Jim Dilbone.

On the Varsity Cheerleading Squad the class of '56 was represented by Sue Farlow and Linda Bagley. On the reserve squad were Elaine Mericle and Marcia Putman. Sue Williman was voted our Homecoming Attendant.

In F. H. A. we were represented by Dixie Butler, Historian.

In Jr. Y-Teens we had Sue Williman, President; Sue Farlow, Vice-President; Margaret Jerome, Secretary; and Peg Wable, Treasurer. Others on the cabinet were Anita Tanner, Lynne Eikenbarry, Linda Longwell, Linda Bagley, Elaine Mericle, and Linda Kirchenbauer.

On the G. A. A. cabinet were Mary Brooks, Betty Halliwell, Virginia Miller, and Elaine Mericle.

The class was represented on the basketball court by Bob Young, Bill Emrick, Tom Harden, Sam Haller, Marvin Mihm, Larry Winhover, Jim Dilbone, and Devon Bricker.

There were thirty-one of the class in the A capella Choir, and twenty-one in the Band.

Looking ahead, we hope the coming two years will be as enjoyable as the past two.

—Jerry Gribler.

Marcia Agler
Jerry Baer
Linda Bagley
Janet Beck

Jim Benfield
Beverly Blake
Shirley Bohner
Pat Boroff

Devon Bricker
Mary Brooks
Harold Brown
Rita Brown

Margie Buecker
Delores Burk
Gary Cobb
Jesse Cooper

Beverly Cox
Mike DeMoss
Beverly Dempsey
Dennis Dersham

Jim Dilbone
Shirley Dustman
Lynne Eikenberry
Bill Emrick

Bob Exline
Sue Farlow
Arnell Fast
Bill Feasby

Dclores Fisher
Jim Folck
Jim Fowler
Janet Gallaspie

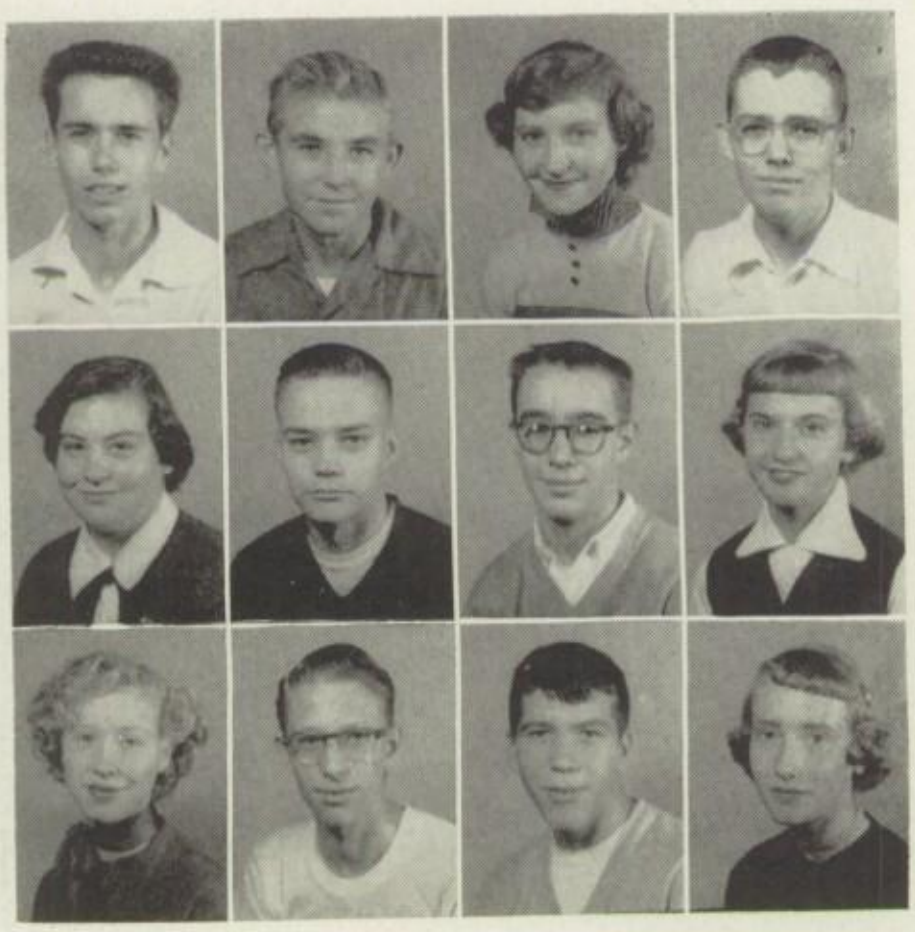
Terry Gamble
Jim Geisman
Tom Giessler
Bill Gilland

Frank Gilland
Barbara Gilliland
Jim Gilliland
Janice Ginzel

Art Good
Jerry Gribler
Phyllis Gribler
Ramona Grimes

Max Grimm
Jackie Grubb
Walter Grunden
Harold Haight

Sheila Hallam
Sam Haller
Betty Halliwill
DeWayne Hammons



Tom Harden
Charles Heath
Hilda Heath
Bob Holmes

Dorita Hook
Larry Houston
Phil Jarvis
Margaret Jerome

Rosalee Jetmore
Larry Johns
Jim Jones
Karen Katterheinrich

Bill Kesler
Linda Kirchenbauer
Paul Kouts
Vernon Laing

Bill Lane
Jim Lane
Phyllis Lane
Lynnda Leary

Larry Ley
Larry Lehman
Jim Leonard
Linda Longwell

Bill McGranahan
Lloyd McMichael
Bob Mager
Sheila Malinowski

Mary Marquis
Dick Mason
Richard Mazock
Don Mengerink

Elaine Mericle
Tom Metzger
Marlene Mihm
Marvin Mihm

Larry Miller
Ronnie Miller
Virginia Miller
Mary Mohler

Rachel Morris
Jim O'Mara
Charles Parsons
Max Prichard

Curtis Proffitt
Marcia Putman
Pat Rodman
Phyllis Roesner

Binalee Runser
Ned Runyon
Dale Saam
Paul Sargent

Gloria Schoonover
Kenny Seibert
Helen Shaw
Dick Shock

Kenny Sites
Alice Smith
Yvonne Sterrett
Anita Tanner

Wilma Taylor
Ray Tinnel
Peg Wable
Mary Wells

Joyce Williams
Ronnie Williams
Pat Williamson
Sue Williman

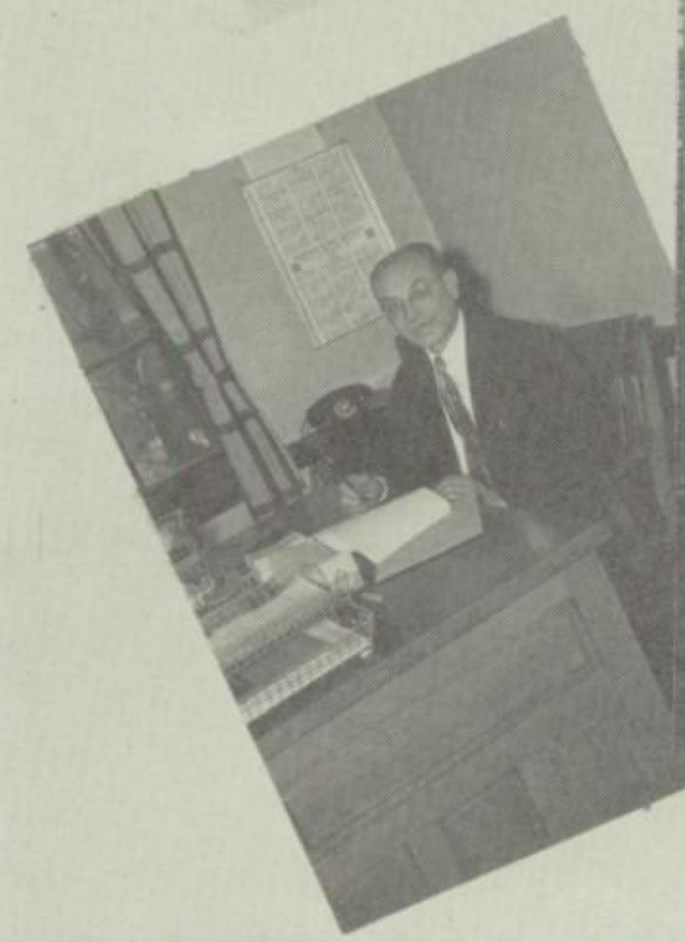
Larry Wills
Larry Winhover
Jim Wiseman
Bob Witherow

Sam Worthington
Ray Yahn
Bob Young
Judy Zinsmeister

Don't Throw That, Joy!

Howdy, Huff!

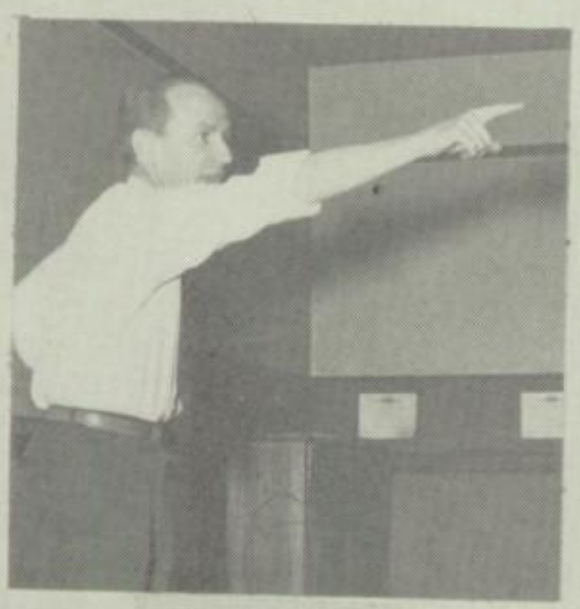
Goin' Fishing, Fellows?



Hey, You!

Let's Win!

Dr. Slutz



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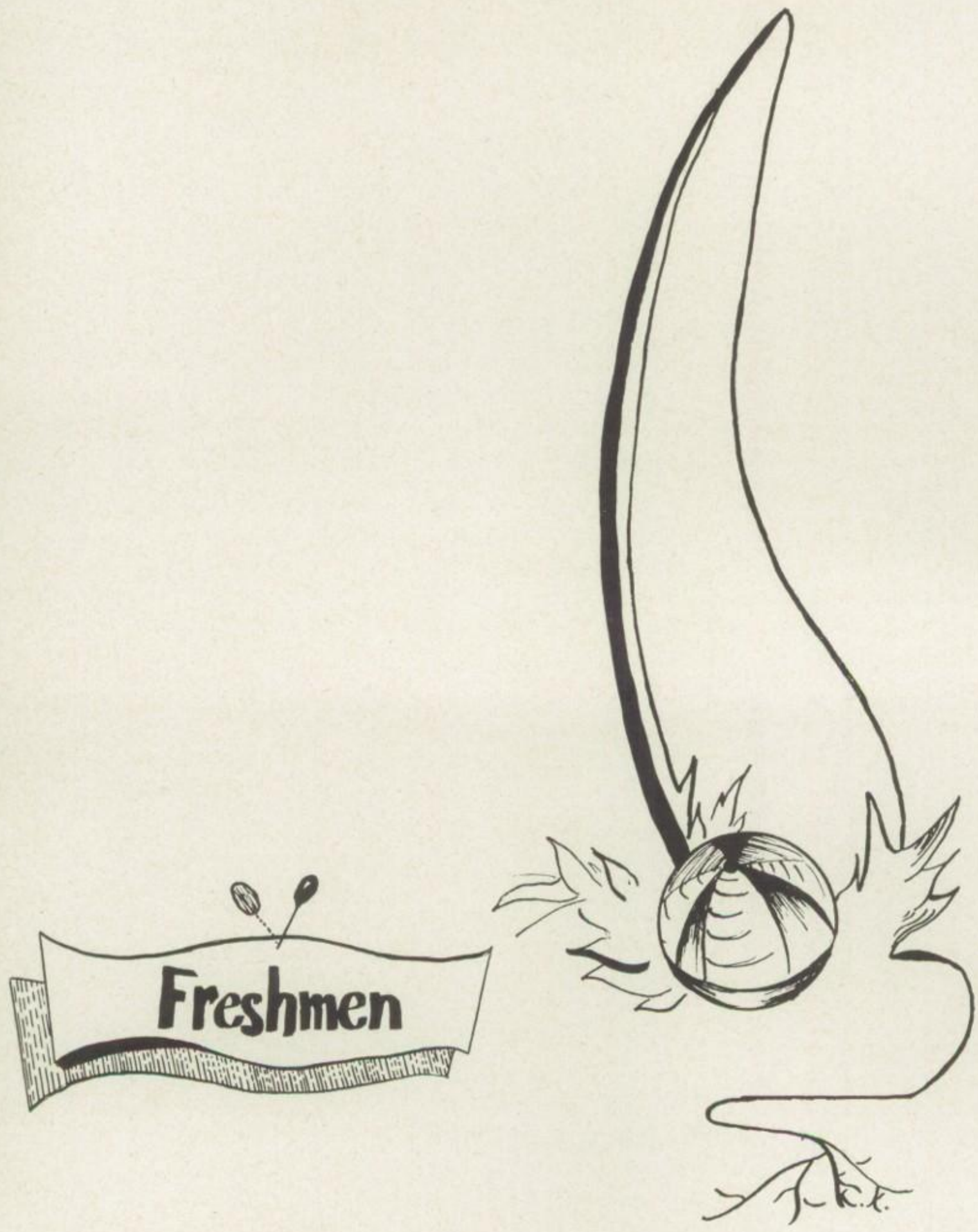
Freshmen

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

Underneath our boisterous shouting last fall, most of the 149 of us were probably a little bit frightened of all the changes that were to come. But we bravely stumbled our way through the first week and found that, as the saying goes, "Its bark is worse than its bite."

When the ballots were counted after our campaigns for offices, we had elected Ronnie Dierks, our president, Miriam Price, vice-president, Sally Coombs, secretary, and Diane Roth, treasurer. To represent our class on the Student Council, we chose Jerry Baer, who later transferred to another school, Larry Smith, John Saylor, and Nan Cowan.

Janice Prior was our representative on the G.A.A. Cabinet.

Carrying the pigskin through a successful season, the members of the Freshman Football team were: David Allen, Ronnie Brennaman, Ronnie Dierks, Don Ford, Dave Gamble, Don Good, Ron Krick, Larry Kriescher, Mike Pheneger, Jim Pressler, Ron Robeson, John Saylor, Paul Schwinnen, Larry Smith, Orville Stetler, Meredith Wade, and Bill Winters. Two from our class, John Edwards and Larry Feeney, played on the varsity football squad.

We chose Nan Cowan to be Freshman Attendant during Homecoming Festivities.

Ronnie Dierks, Dave Gamble, Don Good, Ron Krick, Tom Nott, Paul Schwinnen, Jim Smith, Larry Smith, and Ronny Spray played on the Freshman Basketball team. They won 11 out of 16 games.

With this year behind us, we are leaving our place as "Greenies" to go on to new and better experiences. We're looking forward, with high hearts, to the rest of our high school years.

James Agler
Joe Agler
Larry Agler
David Allen

Joe Allen
Jim Anderson
Mauvette August
Lillie Baker

Judith Beall
Jean Bennett
Barbara Blanke
Frank Boroff

Ronnie Brenneman
Bill Bressler
Frank Brown
Peg Brown

Dick Caldwell
Judy Coffelt
Judy Conn
Sally Coombs

Nan Cowan
Eddie DeCamp
Richard DeCamp
Terry DeVine

Ronnie Dierks
Barbara Ditto
Joyce Donahue
John Downs

Pat Dull
John Edwards
Donald Elzey
Janet Fauble

Ann Feeney
Larry Feeney
Donald Ford
Bill Fowler

David Gamble
Douglas Geary
Marie Geisman
Mary Lou Germann

Martha Gingrich
Jim Goins
Don Good
Neil Good

George Green
Carol Grindahl
Earl Hainline
Luella Hainline

Judy Harden
Dianne Hardin
Carolyn Hartge
Laura Hilton

Carolyn Hines
Barbara Hirn
Ella Hofmann
Jacqueline Hoghe

Pat Holtschult
Janice Hoover
Glenn Hudson
Dick Hummer

Jane Johnson
Jean Johnson
Lloyd Keltner
Don Klinger

Robert Klinger
Larry Kreischer
Ronnie Krick
Sandra Lake

Marie Lewis
Arland Lintermoot
Ervan Lintermoot
Rita Lippi

Barbara McDonald
Alice McMichael
Janet McNeal
Sandra Makuh

Roger Martin
Donald May
Barbara Merkle
Betty Miller

Jerry Miracle
Janeen Moeller
Janet Morris
David Myers

Jane Myers
Donna Nighswander
Don Nighswander
Tom Nott

Arla Oechsle
Rita Osenbaugh
Clara Parsons
Dale Perry

Michael Pheneger
Linda Poling
Jim Presler
Miriam Price

Donna Prichard
Janice Prior
Lester Raker
Sue Ralston

Sandra Ramsey
Joyce Rawlings
Carolyn Rhodenbaugh
Ronnie Robeson

Diane Roth
Jan Runnion
John Saylor
Andrea Scarpelli

Don Schnepp
Paul Schwinnen
Caroline Scott
Margaret Scott

Larry Sidle
Sandra Sites
Jim Smith
Larry Smith

Stanley Smith
Brenda Smitley
Karen Sowers
Justus Speelman

Ronny Spray
Joan Sterrett
Doyle Stetler
Orville Stetler

David Stittsworth
Elmer Stuckey
Louis Thomas
Shirley Tickle

Norma Tinker
Dorothy Vetter
Meredith Wade
James Wagonrod
Dolores Weck

Dorothy Weck
James West
Mary Weyer
LaRita Whitcraft
Sandra Willett

Carol Wilmore
Bill Winters
Sandra Wise
John Wisener
Roger Youtsey

The Queen's Ball

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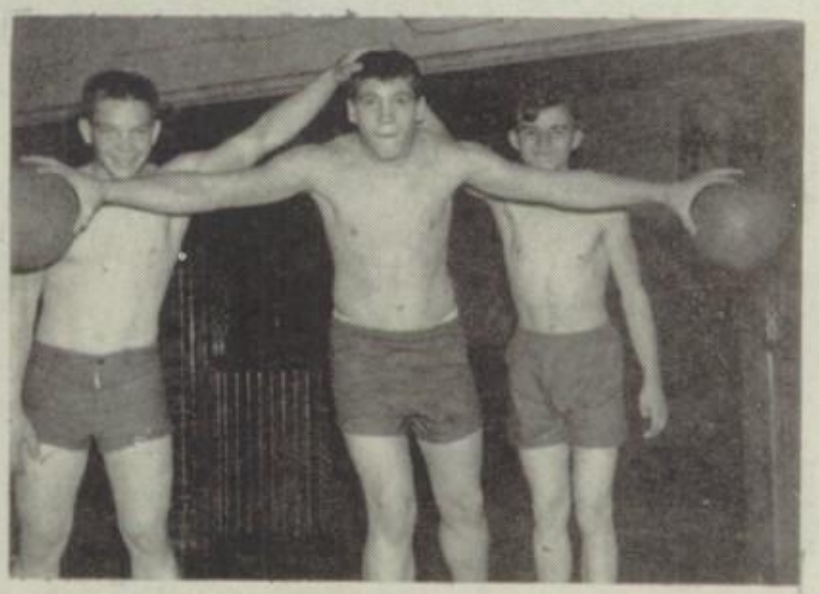
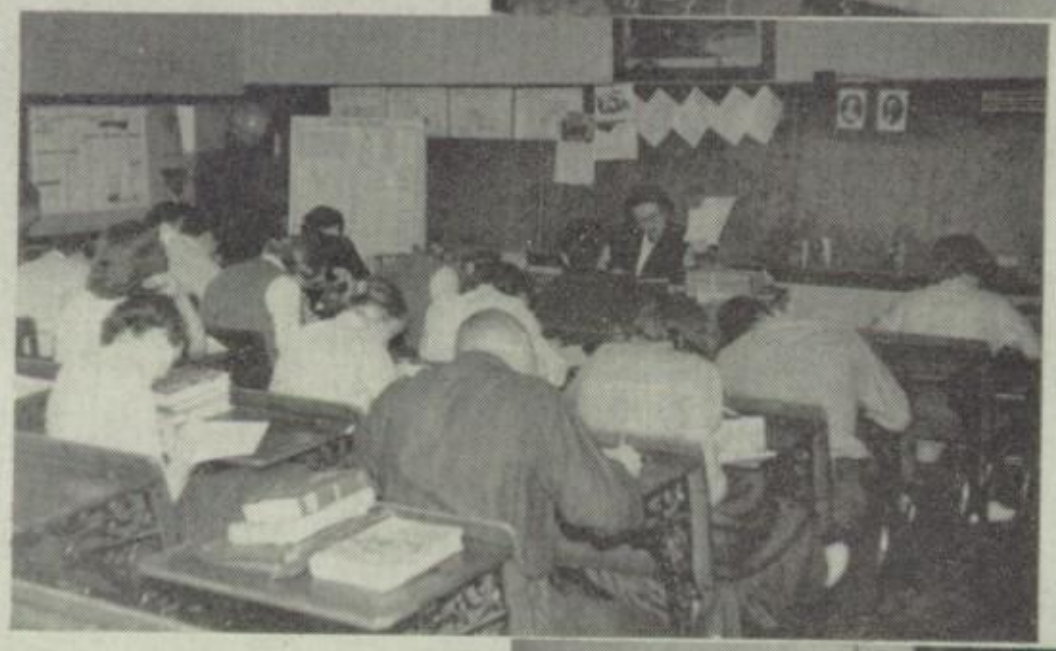
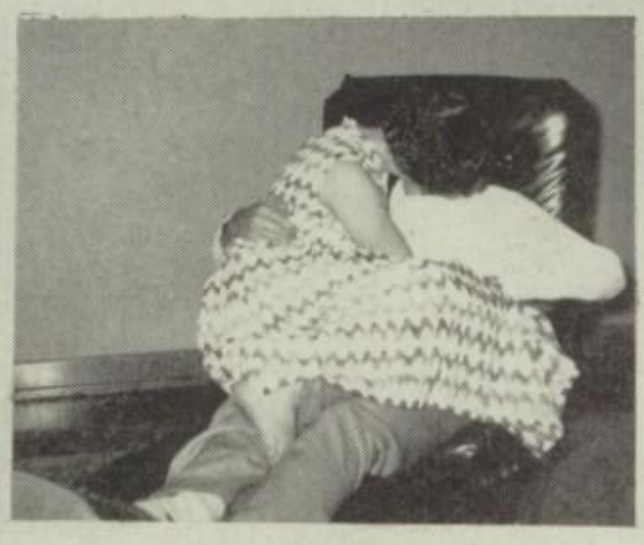


Hank's Boys





Activities

HOMECOMING

Kay Brown was crowned 1953 Homecoming Queen at the half-time of the Bellefontaine football game on October 16. Queen Kay was crowned by last year's queen, Joyce Williman.

Kay's attendants were Shirley Speakman, senior; Danna Rider, junior; Sue Williman, sophomore; and Nan Cowan, freshman. The queen and her attendants were attired in formals.

Preceeding the game, the Excalibur Staff sponsored a barbecue in third ward park. The barbecue concluded with a large pep rally. 'Mums and Homecoming balloons were sold at the gate.

Following the game, a dance was held in Lincoln gym in honor of the Queen and her court. Music was furnished by Don Underwood and his orchestra. John Blake acted as master of ceremonies and Karen Brockert and the Girls' Sextette provided the entertainment. The four class presidents presented gifts to the queen and her attendants.

STUDENT COUNCIL

ROW ONE: Dave Hertel, Danny Murphy, Bill Dias, Tom Hardin, Howard Fellers, John Alvarado, Ronny Bagley. ROW TWO: Jerry Busch, Vern Laing, Dan McConahay, Larry Smith, Ronnie Dierks, Jim Jones, Phil Tanner, Harry Kouts. ROW THREE: Mr. Baker, Nan Cowan, Sue Williman, Linda Kirchenbaur, Carol Doner, Carolyn Bradford, Carol Eggerss, Lynne Eikenberry, Shirley Speakman, Marilyn Weck, Elaine Fast.

The Student Council, under the able leadership of Phil Tanner, president; Howard Fellers, vice-president; and Linda Kirchenbauer, secretary-treasurer, accomplished many worthwhile projects this year. They were guided by Mr. Ralph Gallapoo and Mr. Robert Baker, advisers.

Among their accomplishments were the sale of charm bracelets, a Student Council Talent Show, Dad's Night for the football players, Parents' Night for the basketball team, and the "Turkey Wobble" Thanksgiving Dance.

They sent representatives to four area schools: Celina, Defiance, Lima South, and St. Marys. Two representatives were also sent to the National Student Council Conference at Toledo.

Phil Tanner
Linda Kirchenbaur
Howard Fellers

CABINET

MR. GALLAPOO

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Nancy Waymire, Ann Helman, Kay Brown, Mrs. White, Kathleen Moore, Chuck Richey, Joan Wells. SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jim Mager, Ginger Miller, Sue Rager, Steve Moyer, Mary Bell, Gary Stoller, Marcia Miller, Bob Keith, Janice Brown, Karen Brockert, Reha Elston.

In 1930, Van Wert High School received its charter for the National Honor Society. This year Mrs. White acted as the advisor with Miss Lown as assistant.

The emblem of the National Honor Society is the flaming torch on a keystone. The torch represents knowledge and the keystone, stability. On this emblem are the letters C S L S, standing for Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. Blue and gold are the colors and Noblisse Oblige (Nobility has obligations) the motto.

There are now thirty-nine names on the roster since the granting of the charter. Thirteen of those were inducted this year in a very impressive ceremony. These were Karen Brockert, Reha Elston, Ginger Miller, Marcia Miller, Steve Moyer, Sue Rager, and Joan Wells, seniors; Mary Bell, Janice Brown, Bob Keith, Jim Mager, Gary Stoller, and Nancy Waymire, juniors.

The officers were Chuck Richey, President; Kathleen Moore, Vice President; Kay Brown, Secretary; and Ann Helman, Treasurer. These were also the remaining members of last year's group.

Ann Helman
Kay Brown
Chuck Richey
Kathleen Moore

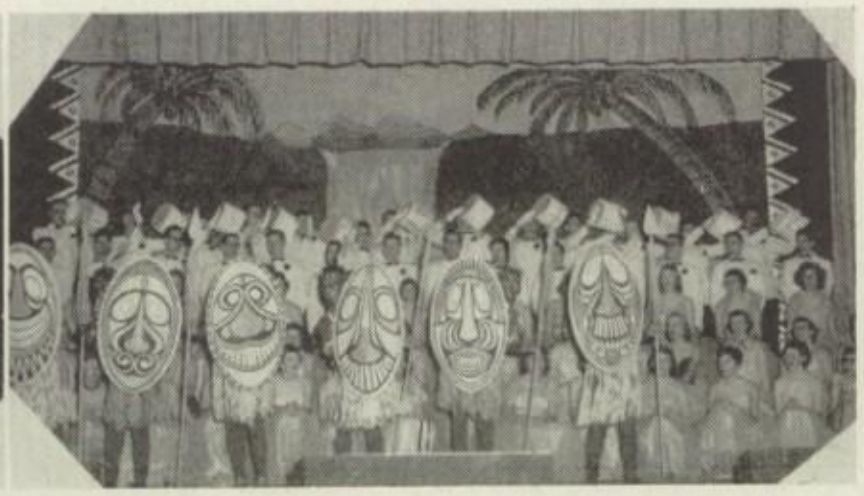
CABINET

MRS. DONALD WHITE, Adviser

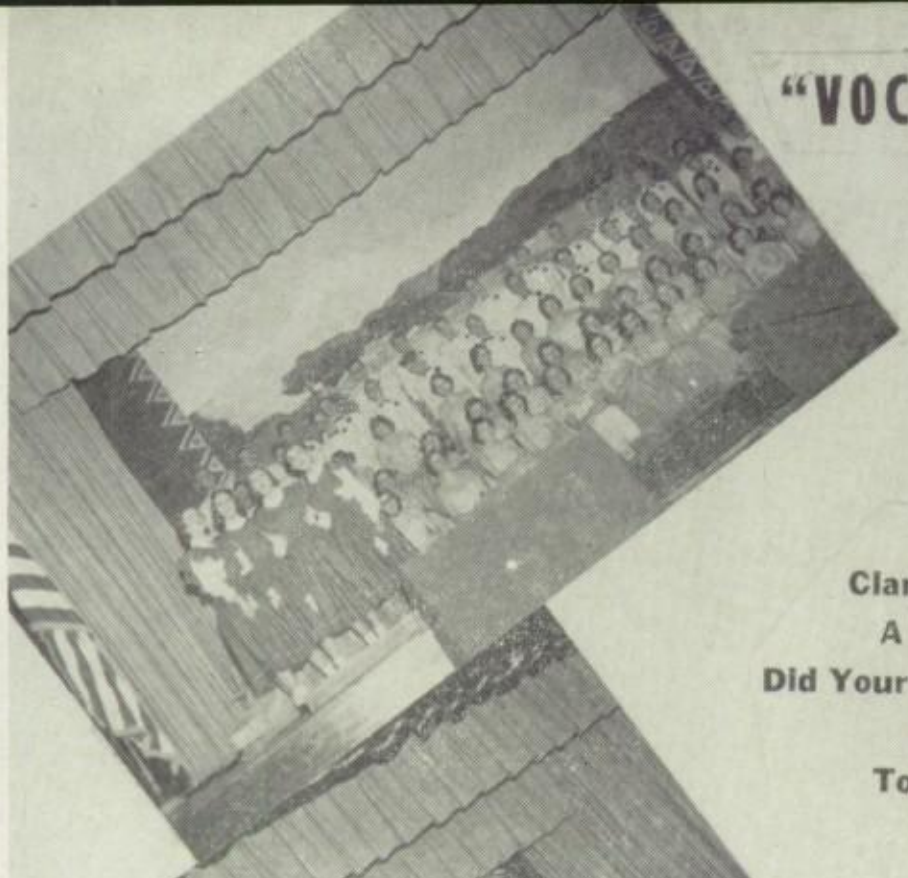
The a cappella choir is a very active organization at Van Wert High School. They gave numerous performances during the school year. Their first concert was for the Woman's Club at the St. Marks Lutheran Church on December 16, after which, the holiday season kept the group busy contributing their repitoire of Christmas numbers to the citizens of Van Wert.

Following the Christmas season the choir prepared and presented the "Vocal Varieties" on February 9, 10, and 11.

On March 20, several members of the organization entered the District Class A-2 solo and ensemble contest at Lima, Ohio. The a cappella choir entered the District Class A-2 choir contest at Bluffton, April 3. April 4, they presented an Easter Concert at the Methodist Church. The choir certainly deserves a hand, they did a grand job this year.

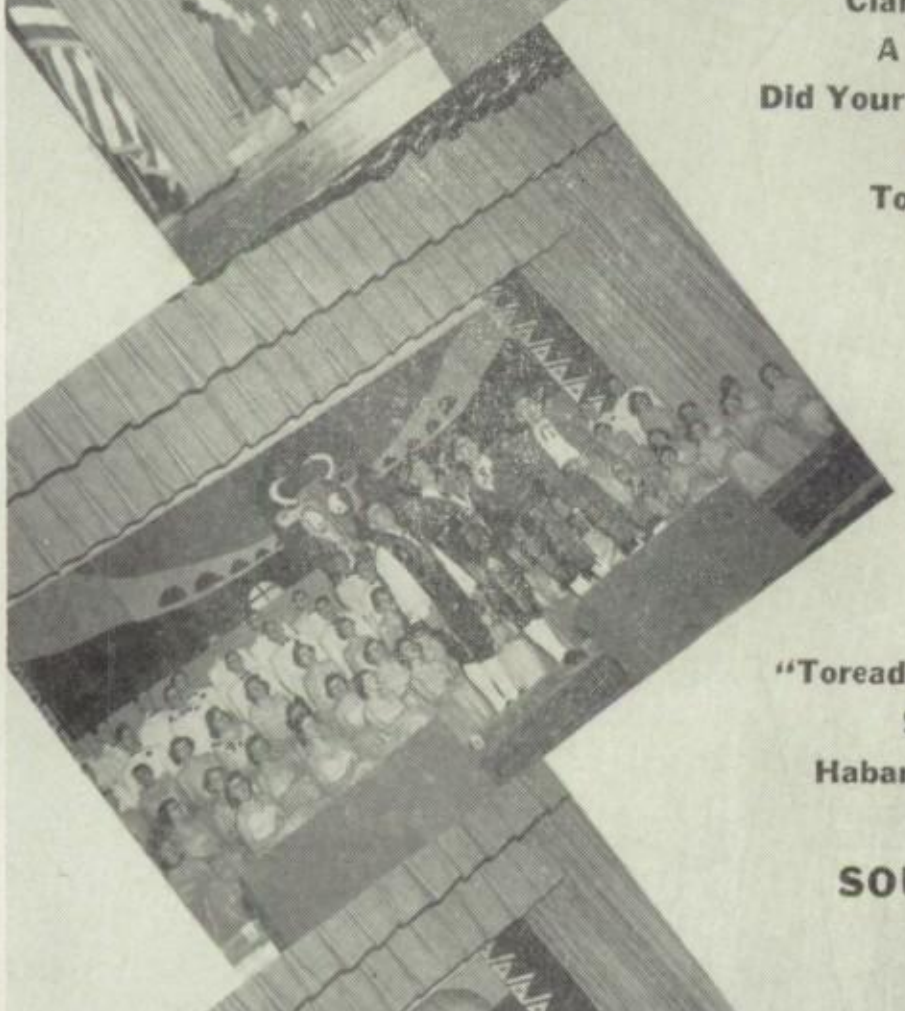


"VOCAL VARIETIES"



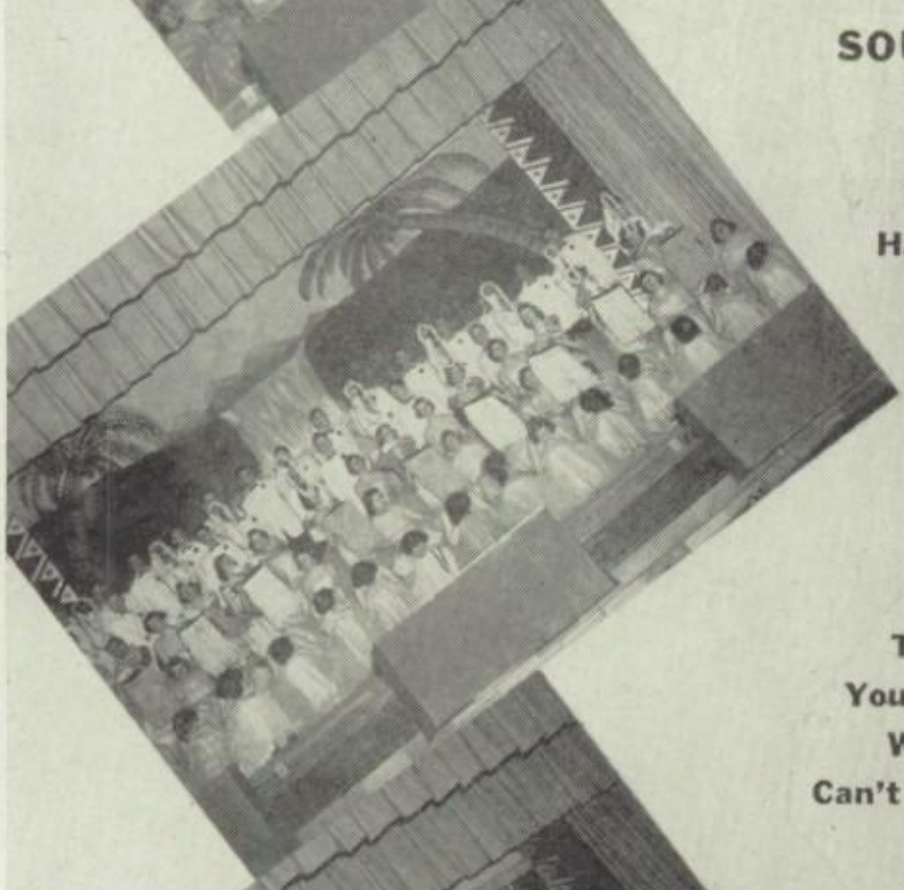
IRELAND

Clancy Lowered the Boom
A Little Bit of Heaven
Did Your Mother Come From Ireland
Mother Machree
Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ra



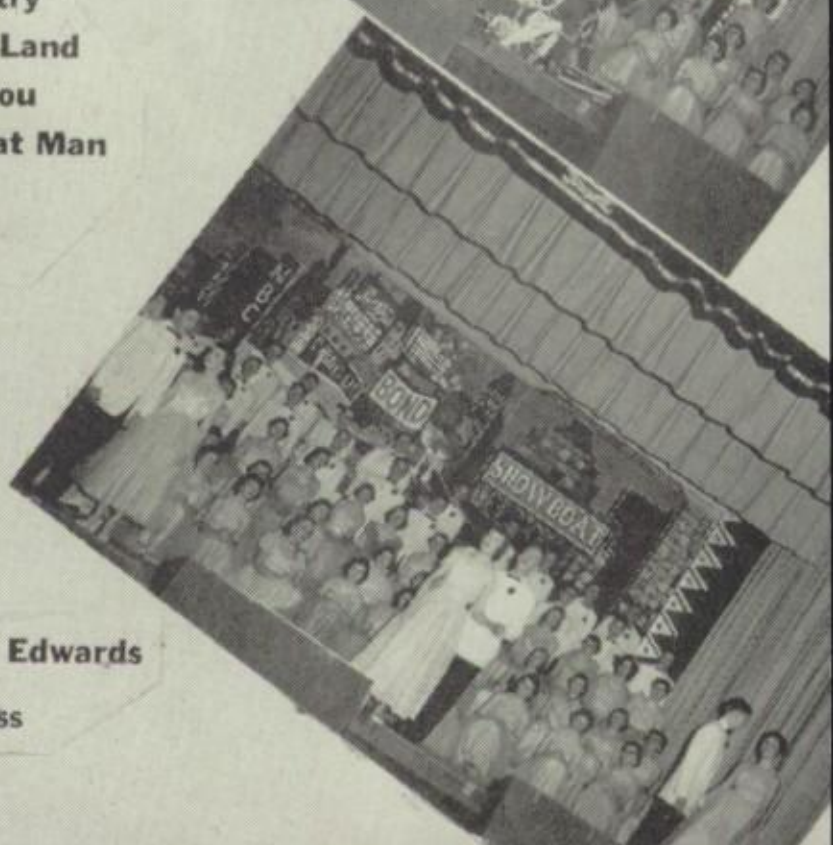
SPAIN

"Toreador Song (from Carmen")
Spanish Serenata
Habanera (from "Carmen"



SOUTH SEA ISLAND

Sweet Leilani
Bali Ha'i
Tribal Dance
Hawaiian War Chant
Aloha Oe

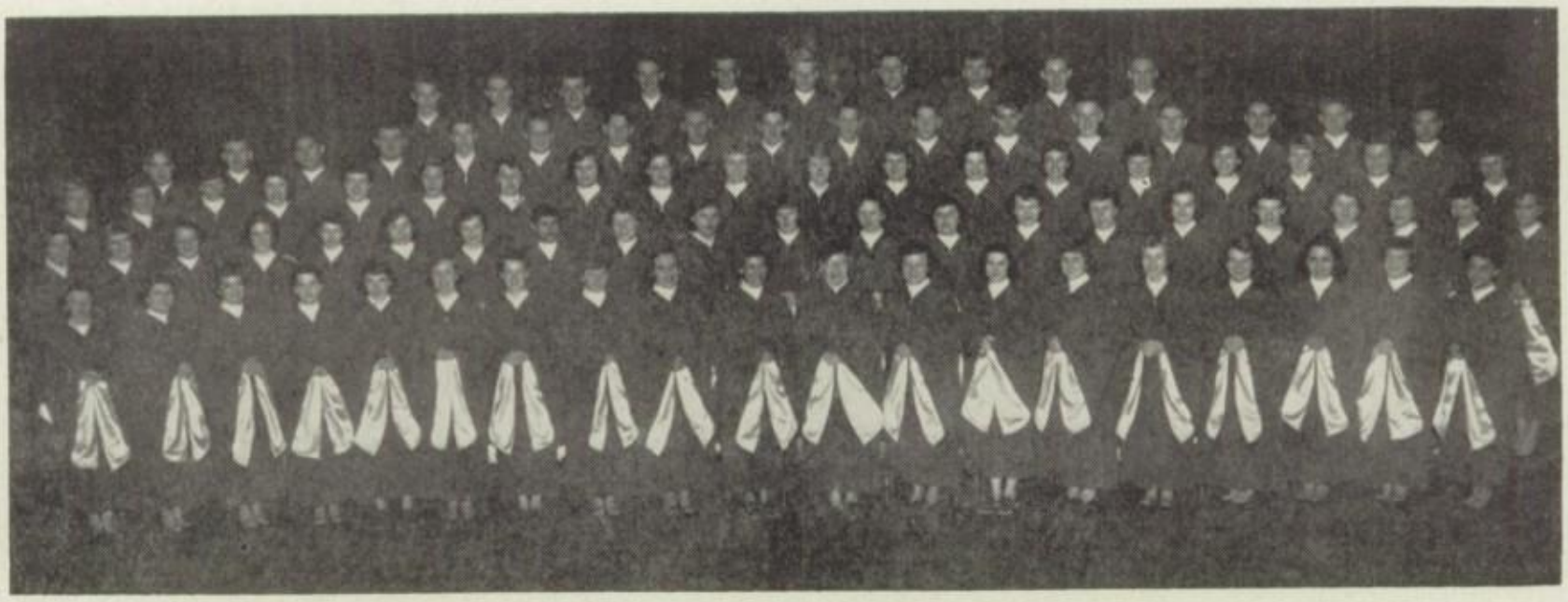


AMERICA

This is My Country
Your Land and My Land
Why Do I Love You
Can't Help Lovin' That Man
Old Man River
My God and I

Accompanist-Marianne Edwards

Scenery-Art Class



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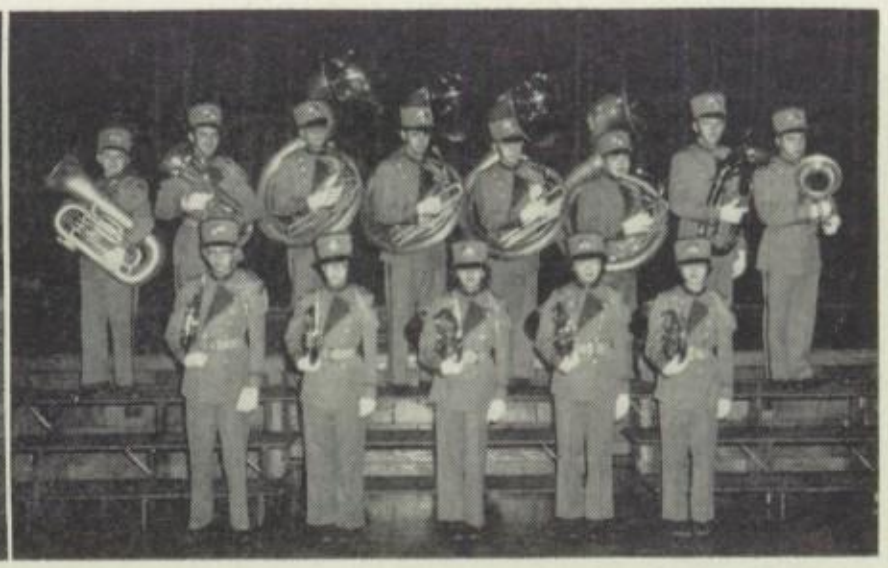
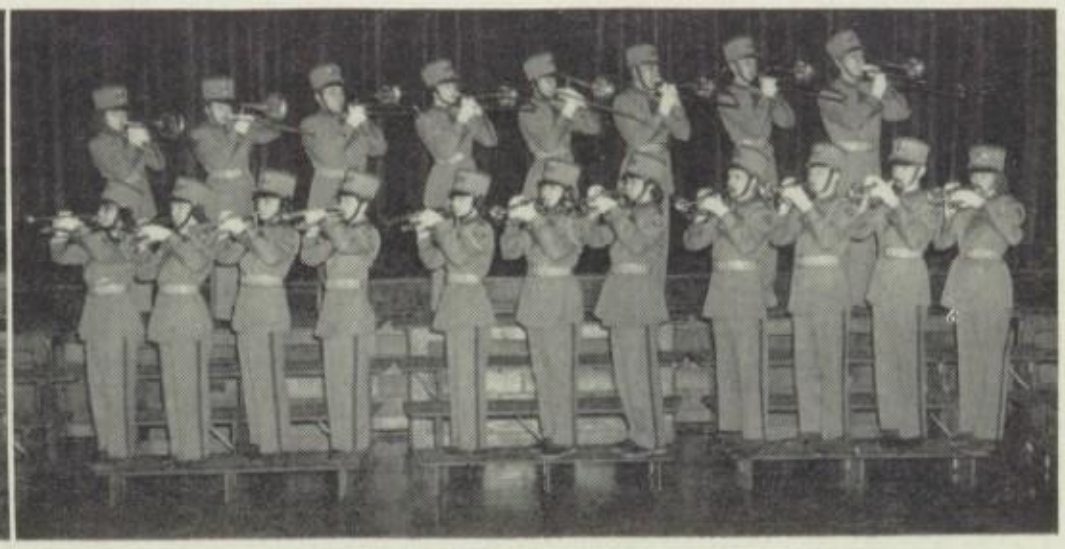
The Senior Sextette, members of the a cappella choir, sang for numerous organizations throughout the year. They are, left to right: Nancy Dustman, Janice Brown, Kathleen Moore, Linda White, Marilyn Spridgeon, and Esther Price.

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Carol Grindahl, Beverly Case, Esther Prishey, Jackie Hogue, Jan Runnion, Caroline Scott, and Barbara McDonald. ROW TWO: Inez Jenkins, Anita Tanner, Jim Yahn, and Sandra Dysert.



LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Dennis Dirsham, Yvonne Copeland, Nan Cowan, Delores Martin, and Beverly Blake. ROW TWO: John Saylor, Vern Laing, Jay Pritchard, Bill Gilland, Jerry Gribler, Karl Gingrich, Stan Miller, Don Rodenbaugh.

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Kathleen Moore, Karen Katterheinrich, Joy Preston. ROW TWO: Bob Exline, Joe Allen, Jim Leonard, Fred Giessler, and DeVon Bricker.



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Janice Brown, Sally Coombs, Reha Elston, Loretta Huffine, Lynnda Leary, and Sue Williman.

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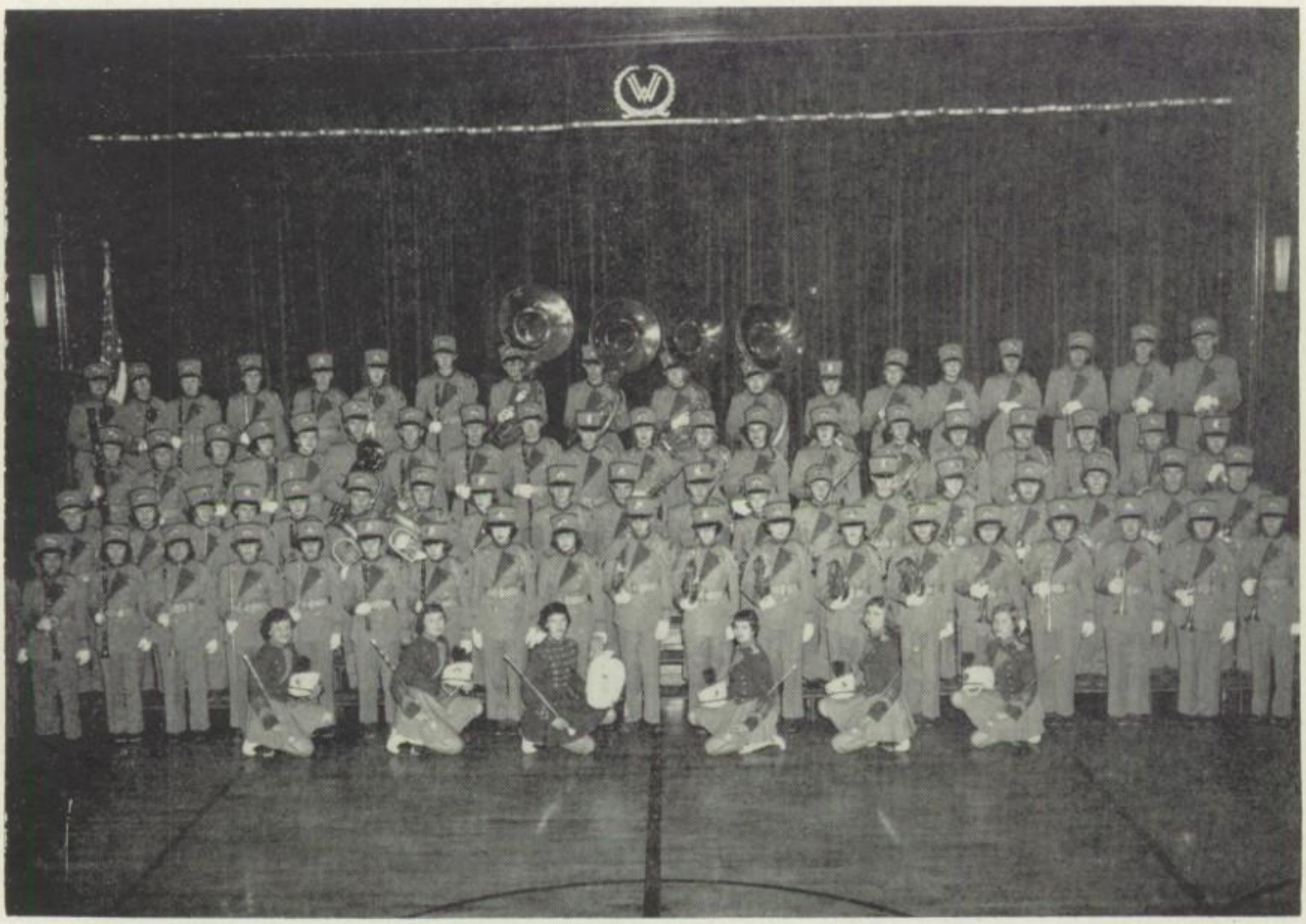


LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Loretta Huffine, Reha Elston, Janice Brown, Sue Williman, Sally Coombs, and Lynnda Leary. ROW TWO: Marianne Edwards, Kay Brown, Shirley Zinsmaster, Caroline Rodenbaugh, Karen Sowers, Barbara Hirn, Jean Bennett, Sandy Willet, Kathleen Moore, Joy Preston, Dennis Bersham, Yvonne Copeland, Delores Martin, Beverly Blake, Nan Cowan, Mary Jerome, Rita Brown, Shirley Dustman, Larita Whitcraft, and Miriam Price. ROW THREE: John Saylor, Sharon McCollum, Judy Harden, Linda Kirchenbauer, Marcia Miller, Don Rhodenbaugh, Vern Laing, Karen Katterheinrich, Fred Giessler, Jim Leonard, Bob Exline, Joe Allen, Roger Martin, Joyce Donahugh, Sue Rager, Peggy Wable, Larry Lehman, Larry Lay. ROW FOUR: Anita Tanner, Richard Caldwell, Marianne Edwards, Joan Sterrett, Sheila Halem, Stan Miller, Don Borden, Stan Smith, Douglas Geary, Jim Yahn, Inez Jenkins, Bev Case, Esther Price, Sandy Dysert, Jackie Hoghe, Caroline Scott, Jan Runnion, Carol Grindhal, Barbara McDonald, and Martha Gingrich. ROW FIVE: Martha Dunno, Eloise Doner, Carol Miller, Janet Morris, Bill Gingrich, Elaine Fast, Gary Cobb, Jay Pritchard, Bill Gilliland, Jerry Gribler, Karl Gingrich, Sandra Ramsey, Dick Shock, Pat Boroff, Pat Dull, Don Snapp, Joe Raabe, and Steve Moyer.

As the band marched snappily out onto the football field, it was greeted by a rousing cheer and the clapping of many hands to welcome it once again to a brand new season. With Mr. Herbert Jones as director, and Miss Janice Brown as drum-majorette, the band attended all the football games here and out of town, with the exception of Kenton.

Following the football season, the band swung into the usual Christmas numbers. After passing through the holidays with flying colors, the band began preparing for the contest at Bluffton College on April 3, the Band Festival at Lima, Ohio, on May 7, and the annual band concert April 27 and 28.

This year is the first full year with Mr. Jones as our band director. We, the members of the Van Wert High School Band, wish to express our thanks to Mr. Jones for his readiness and unfailing service to the band.

SENIOR Y-TEENS

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Carol Hilton, Barbara Miller, Eloise Doner, Shirley Riley, Kay Brown, Loretta Huffine, Nancy Dustman, Marcia Geisman, Peggy Waldron, Joan Welker, Marcia Ireton, Kathleen Moore, Karen Brockert, Joan Wells. ROW TWO: Jean Hipsley, Marilyn Spridgeon, Shirley Speakman, Elaine Blair, Marcia Denig, Carol Miller, Sharon McCollum, Martha Wermer, Mary Bell, Janet Cowgill, Mary Wermer, Dorothy Block, Judy Nash, Mary Jerome, Roxanna Smitley, Bev Case, Reha Elston, Joy Preston, Jane Good. ROW THREE: Kay Halliwell, Elaine Fast, Barbara Miller, Sandra Dysert, Nancy Harruff, Martha Dunno, Linda Spitler, Carol Doner, Ann Helman, Anne Turner, Kay Bagley, Nancy Waymire, Sue Rager, Delores Martin. ROW FOUR: Carol Eggerss, Donna Copeland, Dianne Bartlett, Joyce McCammon, Marilyn Weck, Alice Jones, Alice Bell. ROW FIVE: Esther Prishey, Barbara Kesler, Martha Brown, Sandra Harting, Iona Brenneman, Linda White, Esther Price, Yvonne Copeland, Ginger Miller, Marianne Edwards.

Senior Y-Teens, an organization open to all Junior and Senior girls, has been very active during the school year. The purpose of the Y-Teens is "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share his love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge and love of God."

Each year the Y-Teens sends a delegate to the Ohio Y-Teen Conference. Last summer the conference was held at Ohio Wesleyan University and Joan Wells attended. Marilyn Spridgeon was the delegate to the Y-Teen camp held at Westerville, Ohio.

Programs throughout the year included an impressive induction ceremony with the mothers in attendance, a Christmas induction ceremony with the mothers in attendance, a Christmas party with the Junior Y-Teens, a joint meeting with the Senior Hi-Y, a talk by Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer on her experiences as a Wave, and a style show.

Singing Christmas carols at the Castle Convalescent Home, putting on the Easter Assembly for the high school, and decorating tables for the county Y-Teen Banquet were but a few of the many service projects.

The Junior and Senior Y-Teens sponsored a Valentine Dance on February 12 for the high school and on April 30 took part in the County Y-Teen Dance.

Officers for the 1953-54 school year were Joan Wells, President; Marcia Dening, Vice President; Delores Martin, Secretary; and Mary Bell, Treasurer.

Serving on the cabinet were the following committee chairmen and co-chairmen: Kathleen Moore and Sandra Harting, Program; Marilyn Spridgeon and Sandra Dysert, Service; Reha Elston and Shirley Riley, Social; Carol Doner and Sue Rager, Finance; Joyce McCammon and Carol Hilton, Publicity; Elaine Fast and Esther Price, Devotions; Nancy Dustman and Iona Brenneman, Music; and Marilyn Weck, Pianist.

The faculty advisor was Miss Martha Lown.

CABINET

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Marilyn Weck, Carol Hilton, Mary Bell, Marcie Denig, Joan Wells, Joyce McCammon, Nancy Dustman. ROW TWO: Sandra Harting, Shirley Riley, Sandra Dysert, Iona Brenneman, Marilyn Spridgeon, Elaine Fast, Esther Price, Delores Martin, Sue Rager, Reha Elston, Carol Doner, Kathleen Moore.

MISS LOWN, Adviser

SENIOR HI-Y

ROW ONE: Gerry Dierks, Roger Agler, Phil Tanner, Jerry Busch, Danny Murphy. ROW TWO: Fred Giessler, Kenny Knittle, Jim Bowersock, Bill Gipe, Dick Giessler, Dave Hertel, Gary Stoller, Ollen Jones. ROW THREE: Jan Farlow, Gene Witherow, Roger Hartge, Don Borden, Jim Yahn, Steve Moyer, Gail Burget. ROW FOUR: Lewis Dustman, Tom Kiggins, Bob Keith, Ronald August, Stan Miller, Chuck Richey, Ronny Bagley, Wells Purmort, Bob Mills, John Blake, Bob Shupe, Joe Raabe.

"To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school, and community high standards of Christian character."

This is the purpose of the Senior Hi-Y Club of Van Wert High School.

This year's club was a large and active group of thirty-three. During the year the members handled the Thanksgiving service for the high school and sold pop for the football and basketball games. The club also sponsored a basketball team, the Green Beetles, in the YMCA High School League. The meetings were held alternately at the high school and the YMCA on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

John Blake was a very capable President, being assisted by Richard Giessler, Vice President; Chuck Richey, Secretary; Bill Gipe, Treasurer; Joe Raabe, Chaplain; and Gail Burget, Sergeant-at-Arms. The advisor was Mr. Gerald Manken.

ROW ONE:
Dick Giessler,
Joe Raabe,
Bill Gipe.

ROW TWO:
John Blake,
Chuck Richey,
Gail Burget.

CABINET

MR. GERALD MANKEN

JUNIOR Y-TEENS

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Linda Kirchenbauer, Linda Longwell, Elaine Mericle, Anita Tanner, Peg Wable, Sue Farlow, Sue Williman, Margaret Jerome, Karen Katterheinrich, Linda Bagley, Lynne Eikenberry. ROW TWO: Marie Lewis, Karen Sowers, Judy Conn, Janice Hoover, Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Margaret Scott, Carolyn Hartge, Anne Feeney, Rita Osenbaugh, Sandra Lake, Delores Weck. ROW THREE: Sue Gilmore, Donna Nighswander, Judith Beal, Dorita Hooke, Janet Fauble, Dianne Harden, Jane Johnson, Jane Ann Myers, Sandra Makuh, Barbara Ditto, Jeannean Mohler, Judy Harden, Patty Holtschult. ROW FOUR: Jackie Hoghe, Beverly Dempsey, Caroline Rhodenbaugh, Norma Tinker, Brenda Smitley, Joyce Donnahue, Sally Coombs, Caroline Scott, LaRita Whitcraft, Sandra Willet, Barbara Hirn, Miriam Price, Janice Prior, Dorothy Weck. ROW FIVE: Dorothy Vetter, Shirley Tickle, Joyce Rawlings, Shiela Hallam, Janet Gallespie, Mary Brooks, Delores Burke, Virginia Miller, Marcia Putman, Peg Brown, Nan Cowan, Carol Grindahl, Jan Runnion, Sandra Ramsey. ROW SIX: Binalee Runser, Mauvette August, Mary Marquis, Ella Hoffman, Pat Boroff, Dixie Butler, Mary Carey, Phyllis Lane, Pricilla Weyer, Mary Wells, Joyce Williams. ROW SEVEN: Delores Fisher, Sheila Malinowski, Phyllis Rosener, Jean Bennett, Pat Williamson, Janice Ginzel, Shirley Dustman, Lynnda Leary, Rachel Morris, Beverly Blake, Phyllis Gribler, Linda Poling, Janet Morris.

Those girls wearing snappy blue and silver pins belong to Junior Y-Teens. The Junior Y-Teens is a Christian organization open to all freshmen and sophomore girls. It is sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and the high school.

More than ninety members belonged to the club this year. The officers are Sue Williman, President; Sue Farlow, Vice President; Margaret Jerome, Secretary; and Peggy Wable, Treasurer. The officers and these committee chairmen comprise the cabinet: Linda Bagley, Social; Anita Tanner, Program; Linda Kirchenbauer, Devotions; Elaine Mericle, Service; Karen Katterheinrick, Pianist; Lynne Eikenbary, Music; Linda Longwell, Publicity; Peggy Wable, Finance.

The Junior Y-Teens meet twice a month, once during the activity period and once at the Y.W.C.A. The cabinet meets once a month also.

The members contributed money and time to the polio drive. To make money, they held bake sales, sold ice cream after school, and sold Christmas cards.

Together with the Senior Y-Teens they sponsored a Valentine dance and presented the Easter Assembly.

SEATED: Peg Wable, Sue Williman, Sue Farlow, Margie Jerome.
STANDING: Linda Kirchenbauer, Elaine Mericle, Linda Bagley, Karen Katterheinrich, Linda Longwell.

CABINET

MRS. BURKAM, Advisor

JOURNALISM CLASS

TOP: Dave Hertel, John Blake, Lloyd Earley, Ben Speith. CENTER: Bev Case, Reha Elston, Carol Doner, Joy Preston. BOTTOM: Joan Wells, Ann Helman, Ginger Miller, Jane Good, Alice Jones.

MISS RIMER, Advisor

The Journalism Class this year consisted of 15 members: 11 girls and four boys turned out 11 publications.

The Staff for 1953-1954 was Joy Preston, Editor-in-Chief; John Blake, Business Manager; Beverly Case and Ginger Miller, Circulation Managers; Jane Good and Alice Jones, Girls' Sports Editors; Dave Hertel, Boys' Sports Editor; Karen Brockert and Loretta Huffine, Exchange Editors.

The reporter were Carol Doner, Lloyd Early, Reha Elston, Ann Helman, Ben Spieth, Joan Wells.

Juniors: Gary Stoller and Nancy Waymire; Sophomores: Jerry Gribler and Anita Tanner; Freshmen: Sally Coombs and Nan Cowan.

The Scarlet Quill Platform:

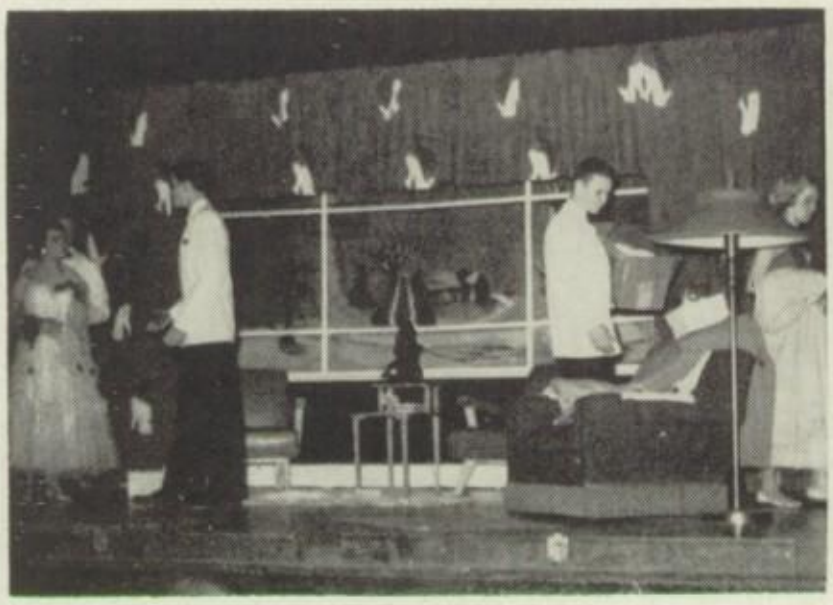
V alue and uphold our school reputation

W ork toward a high scholastic standing

H onor those who have made outstanding achievements

S trengthen in the student body that abstract quality called school spirit

Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer again acted as advisor, and everyone agreed that the '53-'54 Scarlet Quill was one of the best in the school's history.



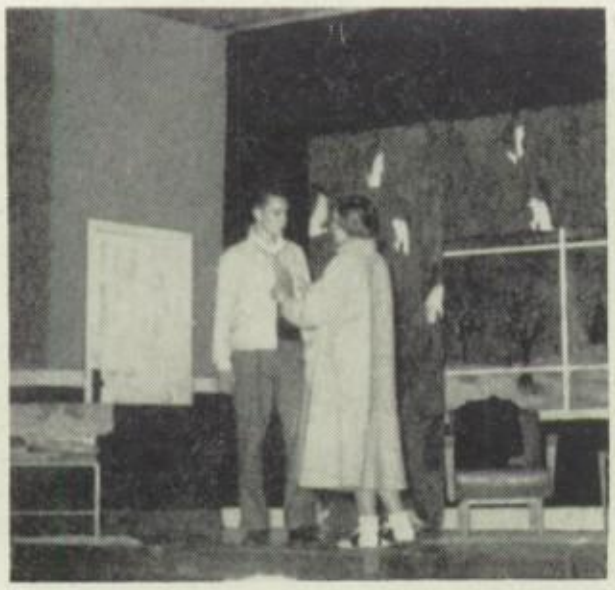
JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

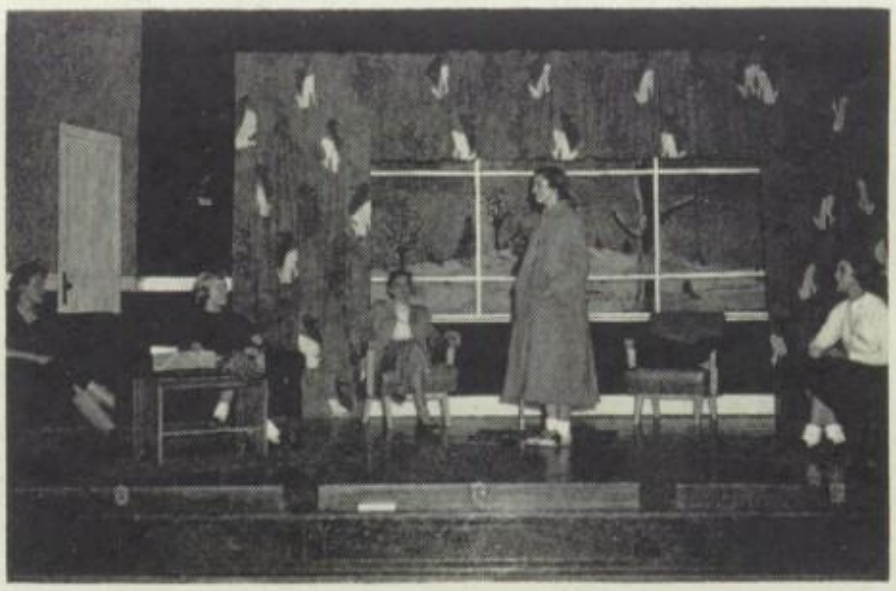
The Junior Class presented a 3-act comedy by Anne Coutler Martens, "Wish On A Moon", on November 18 and 19.

The story concerns Jerry Latimer, who along with her Mother and Grandmother, has just moved to the city. Jenny is quite at ease in her home life, especially with her understanding Gran, yet a little uncertain in her approach to other people. She does make one special friend in her new environment, Tess. Tess is a lovable girl who accepts life as she finds it and enjoys every minute of it. Tess has a brother Ed, who is very sincere and very friendly. Their older sister, Vivian, has a tinge of resentment about her, but she really isn't as hard-hearted as she lets you believe. Tess's boy friend, Martin, is a slow, easy-going type of fellow who never has too much to say, probably because he never has a chance.

Barbara, an extremely lovely girl, tells her boy friend, Pat, who is also very good-looking, that she will be on vacation at the time of the winter formal. Barbara suggests that Pat take Jenny, about whom Barbara thinks she need not worry. When Barbara comes home on the day of the dance, she really complicates matters. A very exciting scene concludes the performance of a wonderful evening of entertainment.

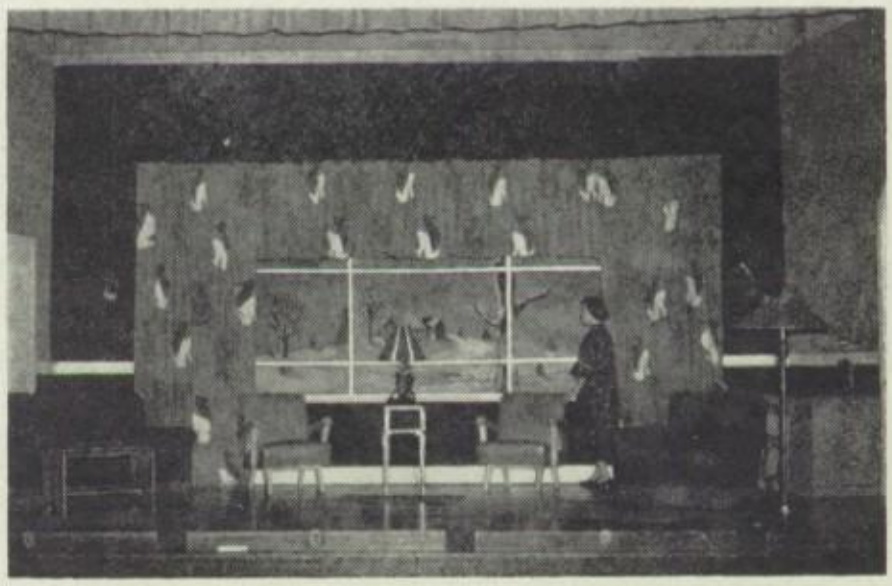
A group of exceptionally talented students made up the cast of this production. No less credit should be given to their very capable director, Mr. Clyde Coon.





JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

Jenny .....Nancy Dustman
Mrs. Latimer .....Nancy Harruff
Gran .....Iona Brenneman
Tess .....Carol Eggerss
Eddie .....Gary Stoller
Pat .....Dan Gorman, Bob Keith
Barbara .....Linda White
Vivian .....Marilyn Spridgeon
Martin ....Dan Gorman, Bob Kieth
Stage Managers.....
Ron Bagley
Ron Dilbone
Don Dunifon
Jim Jordan
Harry Kouts



ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

By JOSEPH KESSERING

ABBY BREWSTER .....Alice Jones, Kathleen Moore
DR. HARPER .....Chuck Richey
TEDDY BREWSTER .....John Blake
OFFICER BROPHY .....Bill Waldron
OFFICER KLEIN .....Kenny Knittle
MARTHA BREWSTER .....Loretta Huffine, Bev Case
ELAINE HARPER .....Sharon McCollum, Joan Wells
MORTIMER BREWSTER .....Joe Raabe
MR. GIBBS .....Steve Moyer
JONATHAN BREWSTER .....Dick Giessler
DR. EINSTEIN .....Wells Purmort
OFFICER O'HARA .....Travis Kouts
LIENTENANT ROONEY .....Phil Tanner
MR. WITHERSPOON .....Lewie Dustman, Fred Giessler

The Senior Class presented the play "Arsenic and Old Lace" on April 6 and 7 in Lincoln Auditorium.

The story concerns two old maid aunts and their three nephews, two of whom are mentally unbalanced. The aunts aren't so innocent themselves, as they have poisoned twelve men and buried them in their cellar. When the third nephew Mortimer discoveries one of the bodies, a hilarious and exciting time is spent by all.

The dramatics department of V.W.H.S. presented four one act plays on March 17 in the Lincoln Auditorium. After the plays the Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Nancy Harruff, presented the best actress award to Beverly Case, who did an outstanding performance in the play "On the Carpet." The best actor award went to John Blake, who did a tremendous portrayal of a man sentenced to die in the electric chair. Joe Raabe was awarded the best play trophy for his direction of "The Valiant", and competed in the district contest on April 3.

THE VALIANT
Drama by
Halworthy Hall
CAST

Jim Dykes .....John Blake
Father Duffy ....Joe Raabe
Warden .....Kenny Knittle
Attendant .....Stan Miller
Girl .....Ginger Miller
Director .....Joe Raabe
Stage Manager .....
.....Lewis Dustman

ON THE CARPET
Comedy by
Harold V. Lynch Jr.
CAST

Bert .....Phil Tanner
Vi .....Beverly Case
Mable .....Jane Good
Janet .....Beverly Keipper
Doris .....Colleen Baird
Sam .....Lewis Dustman
Polly .....Ann Helman
Director .....Phil Tanner
Stage Manager .....
.....Roger Poling

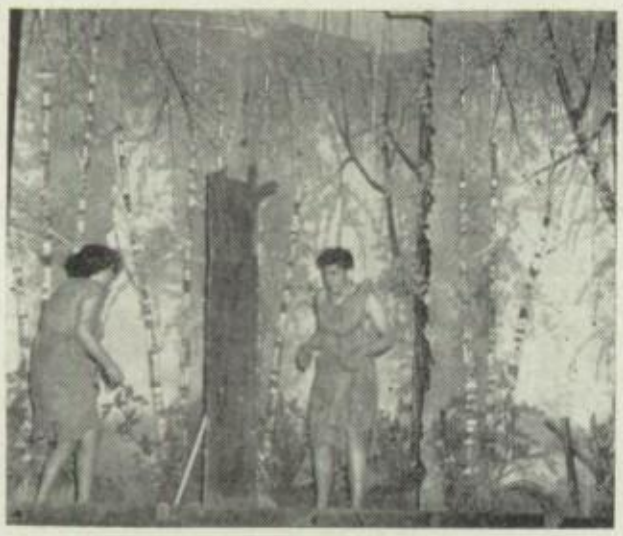
ALL THE RIVERS

Drama by

Mary Thurman Pyle

CAST

Mattie Hathaway .....
.....Joan Wells
John Hathaway..Jim Yahn
Mrs. Allenby .....
.....Sarah Sickmiller
Mr. Allenby..Tom Kiggins
Rose Shirley Zinsmeister
Director .....Joan Wells
Stage Manager .....
Marylou Herminghuysen



HOW TO PROPOSE

Farce by

Conrad Seiler

CAST

Lecturer .....Dave Hertel
George .....Travis Kouts
Cave Man ....Jack Aurand
Cave Woman .....
.....Marianne Edwards
Sir Morency..Fred Giessler
Lady Ermintrude .....
.....Kathleen Moore
Butch .....Gail Burget
Cookie ....Nancy Waymire
Linda .....Carol Eggerss
Kent .....Fred Giessler
Elaine .....Reha Elston
Directors..Kathleen Moore
and Reha Elston
Stage Manager .....
.....Stan Miller

V. I. C.

Don Finkhousen—Plumbing & Heating
Instructor—Mr. Glenn Finkhousen
Finkhousen Co.

Ollen Jones—Printing
Instructor—Mr. Loren Mavis
Van Wert Publishing Co.

Milo Keith—Electric Motor Repair
Instructor—Mr. Waldo Baker
Electric Motor Service

Left: Jack Aurand—Radio & TV Service
Instructor—Mr. Ronald Turner
Turner Radio & Television

Right: Maurice Dempsey—Drycleaning
Instructor—Mr. Harold Smith
Vogue Cleaners

Richard Carter—Auto & Farm Mechanic
Instructor—Mr. Richard Wagonrod
Marsh Foundation Service Shop

Lester Wisener—Auto Mechanics
Instructor—Mr. Lewis Haines
Presler Motors Inc.

Roger Hartge—Auto Body Repair
Instructor—Mr. Lewis Haines
Presler Motors Inc.

Gene Wilson—Baking

Instructor—Mr. Ray Butler
Butler's Bakery

Left: Sandra Baltzell—Med. Lab Tech.

Instructors—Miss Katharine Murphy and Miss Janet Burtch
Van Wert County Hospital

Right: Lawrence Krick—Radio and TV Service

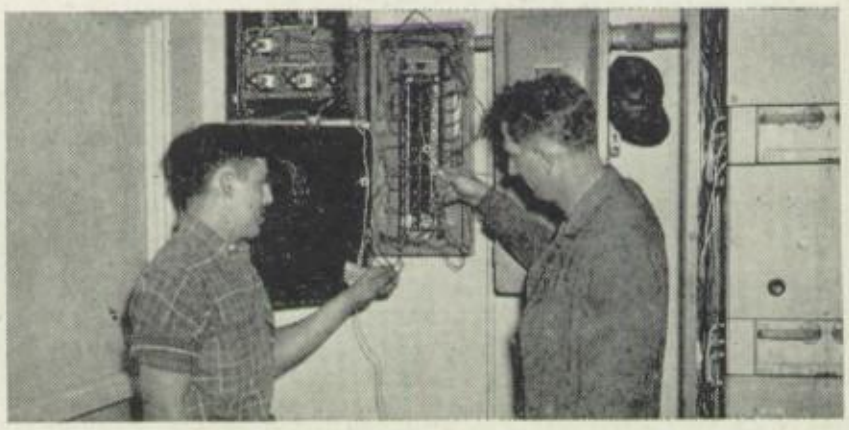
Instructors—Mr. Pollock and Mr. Dale Crawford
Pollock Radio & Furniture Co.

Ray LaLonde—Auto Mechanics

Instructors—Mr. Z. Josz and Mr. William Byrd
Josz Bros. Ford Sales& Service

Larry Butler—Baking

Instructors—Mr. Ray Butler
Butler's Bakery

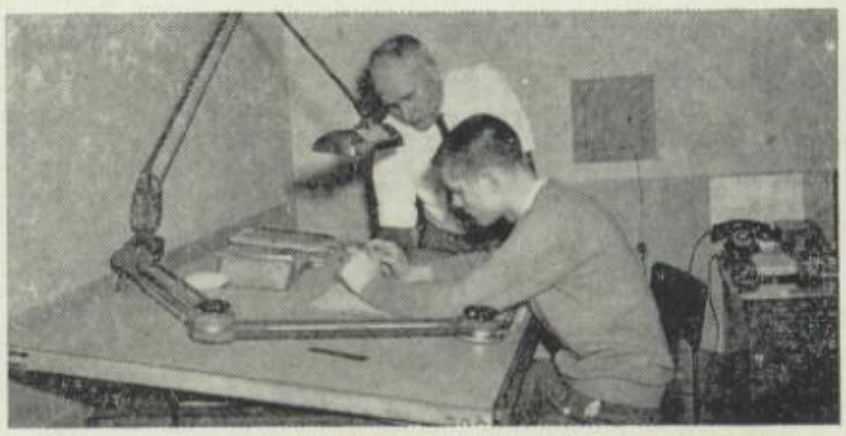


Richard Barrientos—Electrical Wiring

Instructor—Mr. George Gorman
Gorman Electric Co.

Richard LaLonde—Carpentry

Instructor—Mr. Gus Brown
Brown & Compton Builders



Jan Farlow—Mechanical Drafting

Instructor—Mr. Oscar Tinker
Continental Can Co., Inc.

Nancy Imler—Pre-Nursing
Instructor—Miss Katharine Murphy
Van Wert County Hospital

Dean Johns—Carpentry
Instructor—Mr. Wayne Compton
Brown & Compton Builders

D. C. T. Class in Trade Technology

Jim Hall—Mechanical Drafting
Instructors—Mr. John Adams and
Mr. Diamond DeCamp
National Seal Co.

Van Wert Chapter of the Vocational Industrial
Club of Ohio

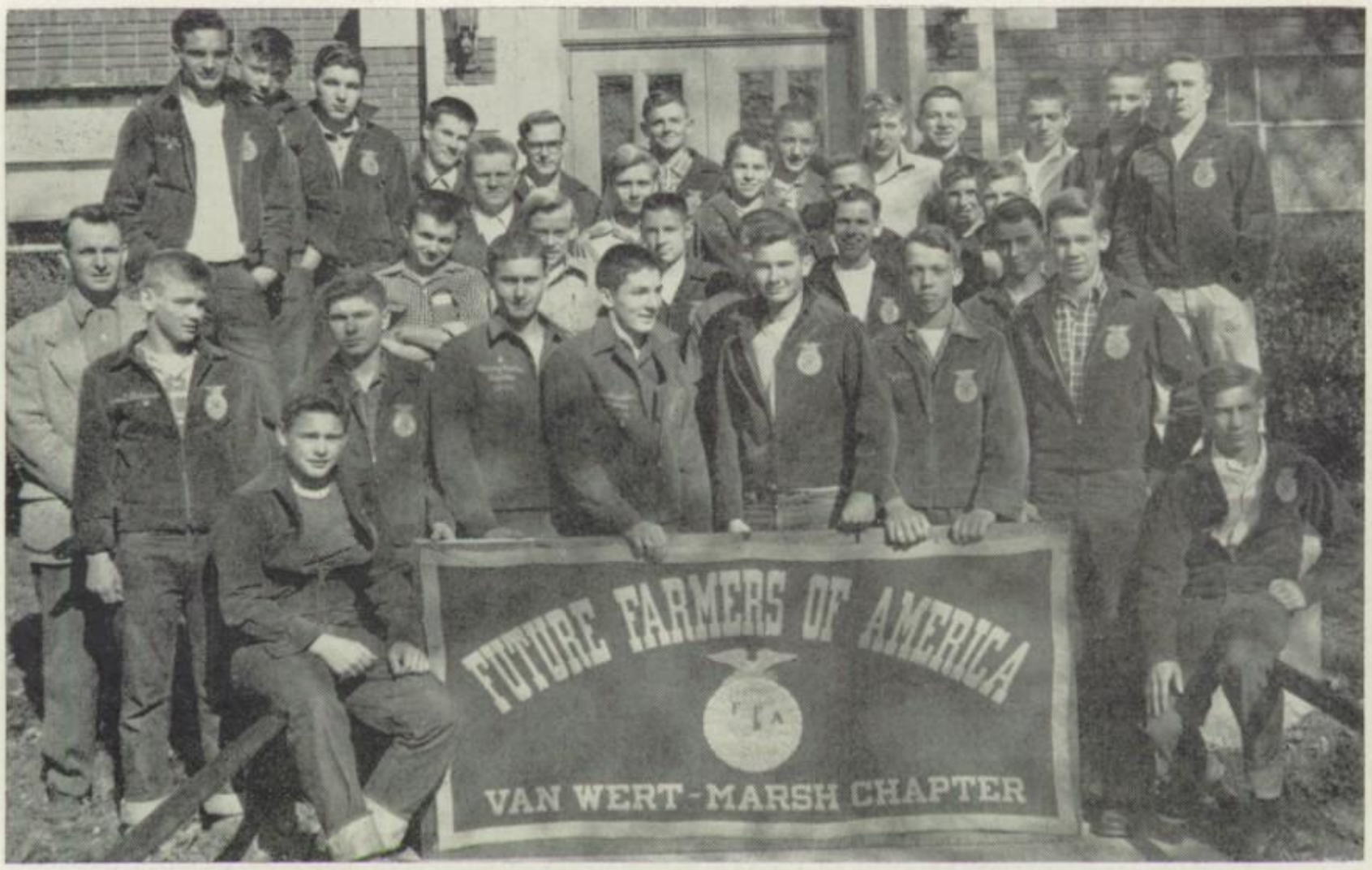
VIC Basketball Team—Y.M.C.A. League

The Diversified Co-operative Training program included:

1. Directed individualized study in trade technology in 13 trades.
2. Job training in approved D. C. T. training stations.
3. Group work in occupational adjustment information and club work for social and leadership training.

Officers were Ollen Jones, President; Richard Carter, Vice President; Nancy Imler, Secretary; Milo Keith, Treasurer; Jan Farlow, Reporter; Richard Barrientos, Sergeant at Arms.

F. F. A.



ROW ONE: Jim Gilliland, Art Good, John Merkle, Harry Kouts, Fred Giessler, Dan Gorman, Gary Brunni, Ed Grunden, and Paul Sargent. ROW TWO: Dwight Smith, Jim Mager, Don Nighswander, Harold Haight, Trav Kouts, Bill Galloway, and Dale Saams. ROW THREE: Jess Cooper, Dale Perry, Bob Sherman, Tom Giessler, Larry Kreischer, Gerald Slane. ROW FOUR: Howard Fellers, Bill Winters, Walter Grunden, Dick Hummer, Max Grimm, Bill Kreischer, Ralph Unterbrink, Ronnie Brenneman, Jim Wiesman, Bob Mager, Gale Gilliland, and Bill Dias.

The Van Wert Marsh Future Farmers of America started in 1939 with 29 charter members. In 1953-54, 33 members were enrolled. Three of these members have received the State Farmer Degree, the highest degrees which any F. F. A. member can attain in the state. These members were Bob Kibler, Haydn Williams, and Fred Giessler. Three members were elected to executive offices. They were Harry Kouts, Reporter; Ed Grunden, Sentinel; and Fred Giessler, President. The Chapter has received many awards this past year. By winning the state co-operative contest, they were permitted to send their President to the co-operative convention at Columbia, Missouri.

A few of the social activities sponsored this year by the chapter included a talent show, an assembly in conjunction with F. F. A. week, open house combined with an honorary member chicken fry, Parent-Son Banquet, and the annual school mixer.

The officers for the 1953-'54 school year were Fred Giessler, President; Dan Gorman, Vice-President; Gary Brunni, Secretary; John Merkle, Treasurer; Harry Kouts, Reporter; Ed Grunden, Sentinel; and Ralph Unterbrink, Historian.

The chapter advisor was Mr. Dwight Smith.

CABINET

TOP TO BOTTOM:

Fred Giessler,
Dan Gorman,
Gary Brunni,
Harry Kouts,
Ed Grunden,
John Merkle.

MR. SMITH, Advisor

V-CLUB

LEFT TO RIGHT, ROW ONE: Bill Dias, Danny Murphy, Charles Parsons. ROW TWO: Red Jordan, Bob Young, Bob Keith, Ronny Lowe, Trav Kouts, Danny McConahay, Stan Miller. ROW THREE: Ronnie Dilbone, Gary Stoller, Roger Agler, Dick Giessler, Jerry Busch. ROW FOUR: Stan Scott, Bill Gipe, Dave Boroff, Gale Gilliland, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner.

The V-Club is an honorary organization of Van Wert High School open only to wearers of the "V". The letters are earned in football, basketball, and baseball. The managers of these sports also earn a letter.

The club elected the following as officers: Travis Kouts, President; Danny Murphy, Vice President; and Jerry Busch, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Livingston served as advisor.

There was a nucleus of twenty-one members to begin this year. These were Travis Kouts, Danny Murphy, Jerry Busch, Ronnie Dilbone, Roger Agler, Bill Gipe, Gary Stoller, Dick Giessler, Gale Gilliland, Bob Keith, Bill Dias, Bob Young, Phil Tanner, Stan Miller, Jim Jordan, Dave Boroff, Dan McConahay, Charles Parsons, Ronnie Lowe, Stan Scott, and Chuck Richey.

New members are: Gerry Dierks, Larry Feeney, Jim Mager, Howard Fellers, Lester Wisener, Dave Hertel, Bill Emrick, Ron Bagley.

CABINET

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Danny Murphy,
Travis Kouts,
and Jerry Busch.

MR. LIVINGSTON, Advisor

G. A. A.

ROW ONE: Donna Copeland, Emily Crow, Colleen Thatcher, Martha Dunno, Betty Halliwill, Elaine Mericle, Peg Wable, Nancy Waymire, Nancy Haruff, Barbara Gilland, Mary Marquis, Janet Beck, Binalee Runser, Ramona Grimes. ROW TWO: Rose Cambell, Hilda Heath, Shirley Collins, Barbara LaLonde, Maxine Arnold, Linda Bagley, Sue Farlow, Vangie Barrientos, Carolyn Bradford, Carol Eggerss, Joanne Johnson, Marie Geisman, Mary Lou Germann, Starley Agler, Alice May Germann. ROW THREE: Mary Brooks, Alice Smith, Phyllis Rosener, Sheila Malenowski, Carolyn Hartge, Janice Hoover, Joyce Rawlings, Jackie Hoghe, Barbara McDonald, Joan Shaw, Peggy Butler, Clarabelle Furrell, Sue Leisure, Sandra Wise, Sue Ralston. ROW FOUR: Jean Taylor, Dorothy Block, Mary Carey, Dixie Butler, Pat Boroff, Phyllis Gribler, Karen Katterheinrich, Beverly Blake, Marcia Putman, Ginny Miller, Janet Morris, Linda Poling, Mary Weyer, Pat Holtschult, Judy Hardin, Sally Coombs. ROW FIVE: Martha Wermer, Alice Bell, Mary Wermer, Jackie Geisman, Peggy Lamb, Pat Prichard, Mary Wells, Janice Ginzel, Pat Williamson, Peg Brown, Diane Roth, Janice Prior, Karen Sowers, Grace Mefford. ROW SIX: Barbara Smith, Shirley Riley, Donna Rider, Inez Jenkins, Ruby Taylor, Donna Prichard, Janet Fauble, Clara Parsons, Mrs. Rufas Duprey.

The activities of the Girls' Athletic Association started out with the annual hike at the beginning of school to provide the necessary twenty-five points to join the club. In order to earn extra points, the girls participate in such sports as speedball, basketball, volleyball, softball, ping-pong, swimming, hiking, biking, skating, and bowling.

Other activities throughout the year included potlucks for the football and basketball teams, an initiation dinner, a penny lunch, a dance, a play day for the eighth-grade girls, a tea for the mothers, and a banquet held at the end of the year honoring the Seniors and new cabinet members.

Officers for 1953-'54 were Barbara LaLonde, President; Nancy Harruff, Vice-President; and Peggy Butler, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the cabinet were Vangie Barrientos, Elaine Mericle, Carol Eggerss, Virginia Miller, Mary Brooks, Charlene Halliwill, Joan Shaw, Janice Prior, Clara Furrell, and Shirley Collins.

Due to the unexpected illness of Mrs. Rufus Duprey, our advisor for the past five years, the task fell on the shoulders of Mrs. Nolan, girls' physical education instructor, for the remainder of the year.

CABINET

ROW ONE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Peggy Butler, Nancy Harruff, Barbara LaLonde. ROW TWO, LEFT TO RIGHT: Vangie Barrientos, Elaine Mericle, Carol Eggerss, Virginia Miller, Mary Brooks, Betty Halliwill. ROW THREE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joan Shaw, Janice Prior, Clara Furrell, Shirley Collins.

F. H. A.

SEATED: Jan Runnion, Shirley Tickle, Joyce Rawlings, Marcia Ireton, Barbara Miller, Janet McNeil, Jean Taylor. STANDING: Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Donna Prichard, Ann Feeney, Rita Osenbaugh, Judy Conn, Bertha Myers, Margaret Scott.

For we are the builders of homes.
Homes for America's future
Home where living will be the expression of everything
That is good and fair.
Homes where truth and love and security and faith
Will be realities, not dreams.

This part from the creed of the Future Homemakers of America states very well what the organization strives for.

The colors of the F.H.A. are red and white. The flower is the red rose.

With the theme "Homemaking training today brings happier homes tomorrow" the F.H.A. planned the programs throughout the year. Included was a weiner roast on October 21, an installation of new members, a daddy date night with the girls' fathers as guests, the annual tea for the mothers at the Ohio Power Co. with a dinner demonstration by Mrs. Paul Imler, and an installation of officers on May 12.

The Executive Council included Dorothy Block, President; Marcia Ireton, Vice-President; Joyce Rawlings, Secretary; Jan Runnion, Treasurer; Jean Taylor, Historian; Barbara Miller, Parliamentarian; Mrs. James Ireton, Senior Club Mother; Mrs. E. L. Block, Junior Club Mother; Miss Mary Sawyer and Miss Juanita Baxter, Advisers.

The Usherette Club was organized five years ago to fill a need for ushers at school affairs. These girls are called upon to usher for any school function such as Class Plays, Vocal Varieties and Band Concerts.

Yvonne Copeland served as president and Mr. Ralph Gallapoo was the faculty advisor.

ROW ONE: Barbara Miller, Jean Hipsley, Eva Kay Kesler, Esther Prishey, Barbara Kesler, Hilda Heath, Yvonne Copeland, Rosie Jetmore, Gloria Schoonover, Mary Mohler. ROW TWO: Betty Miller, Alice McMichael, Judy Conn, Sandra Lake, Ann Feeney, and Rita Osenbaugh.

USHERETTE CLUB

RENDEZVOUS

ROW ONE: Peggy Butler, Dorothy Weck, Trav Kouts, Sue Farlow, Danny Gorman. ROW TWO: Nan Cowan, John Saylor, Bob Young, Jerry Busch, Tom Hardin, Larry Feeney, Mary Jerome, John Blake, Reha Elston, Nancy Waymire.

Officers for the Rendezvous Committee for the year were Travis Kouts, President; Danny Gorman, Vice President; and Sue Farlow, Secretary-Treasurer. The advisors were Mrs. James O'Mara and Mrs. J. C. Copeland.

The Rendezvous Committee sponsored the "Snowball", the annual Christmas dance, with music by the "The Campus Owls." They also had charge of the dances held at the Y.W.C.A. after basketball games and the dances every other Saturday night after basketball season.

Members of the Rendezvous Committee consists of two boys and two girls from each class in high school.

Because of the desperate shortage of teachers, the F. T. A.-Future Teachers of America—was organized nationally six years ago. To interest students in the teaching profession is the purpose of this organization.

Activities throughout the year included substitute teaching in the grade schools, attending teacher's meetings, and visiting different colleges in the state of Ohio.

The officers this year were: Judith Nash, President; Anita Tanner, Vice President; Caroline Scott, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Gallapoo is the faculty adviser.

SEATED: Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Dorothy Weck, Anita Tanner, Judy Nash, Caroline Scott, Sally Coombs. STANDING: Miriam Price, Joyce Donahue, Sandra Dysert, Loretta Huffine, Barbara Gilland, Ann Helman, Joy Preston, Reha Elston, Joan Wells, Sandra Willet, Joyce Williams, Mary Jerome, Bill Waldron, Barbara Hirn.

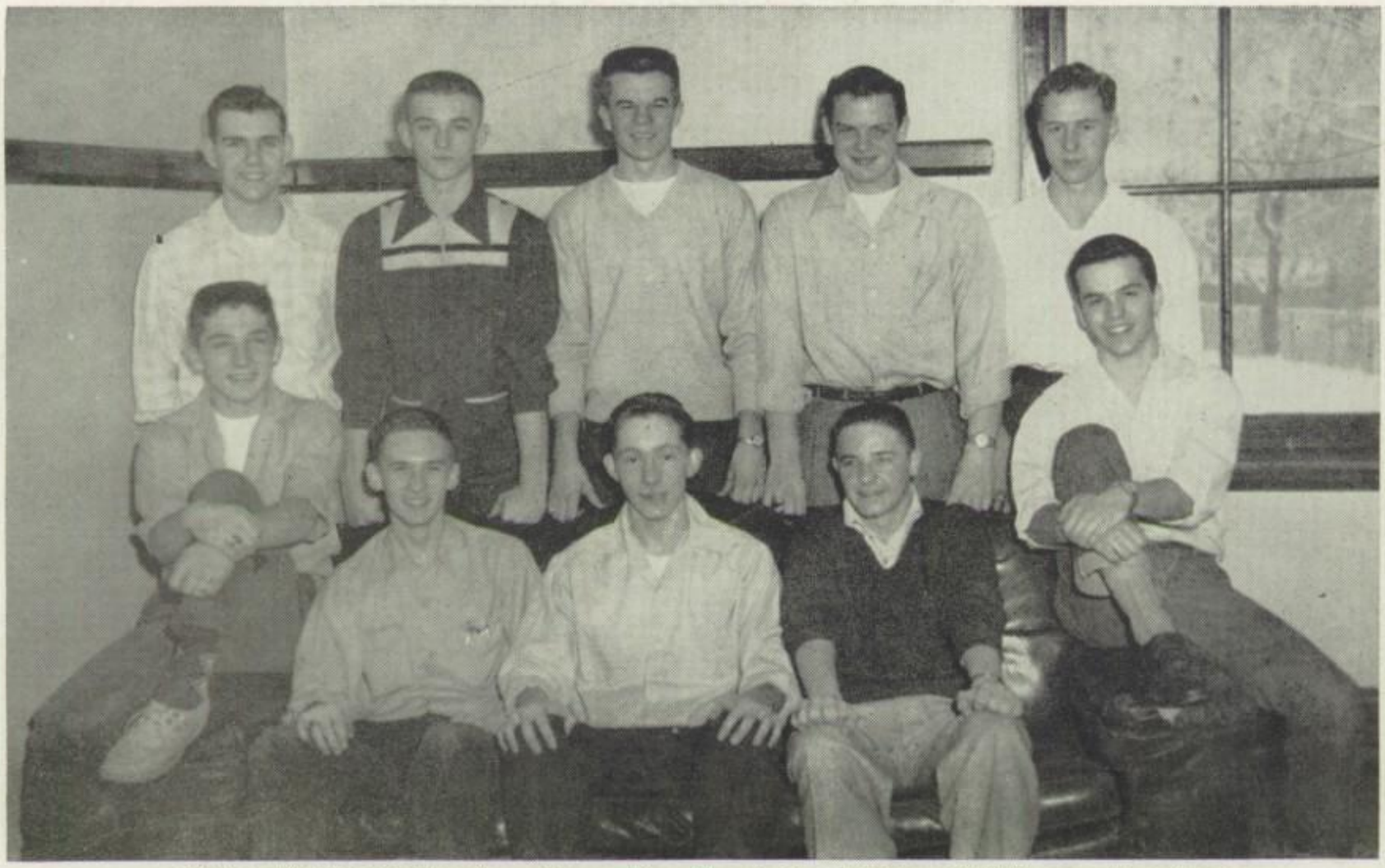
F. T. A.

SNOWBALL

The annual Snowball sponsored by the Rendezvous Committee was held on December 29 in the gymnasium of the Y.W.C.A. "The Campus Owls", an orchestra from Miami University, furnished the music.

A large glistening snowball with many blue lights shining on it was suspended from the ceiling. The walls were decorated in winter scenes and a silver revolving Christmas tree stood in one corner. The stage was covered with foil to give the illusion of snow. The entire setting was to depict the theme, "Blue Moon."

JUNIOR ROTARIANS



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Steve Moyer, Dave Hertel, Chuck Richey, Phil Tanner, Tom Kiggins.
LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Fred Giessler, Joe Raabe, John Blake, Danny Murphy, Dick Giessler.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Joy Preston, Sue Rager, Ginger Miller. LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Reha Elston, Kathleen Moore.

D. A. R. CONTESTANTS

This Must Have Been Some Party!

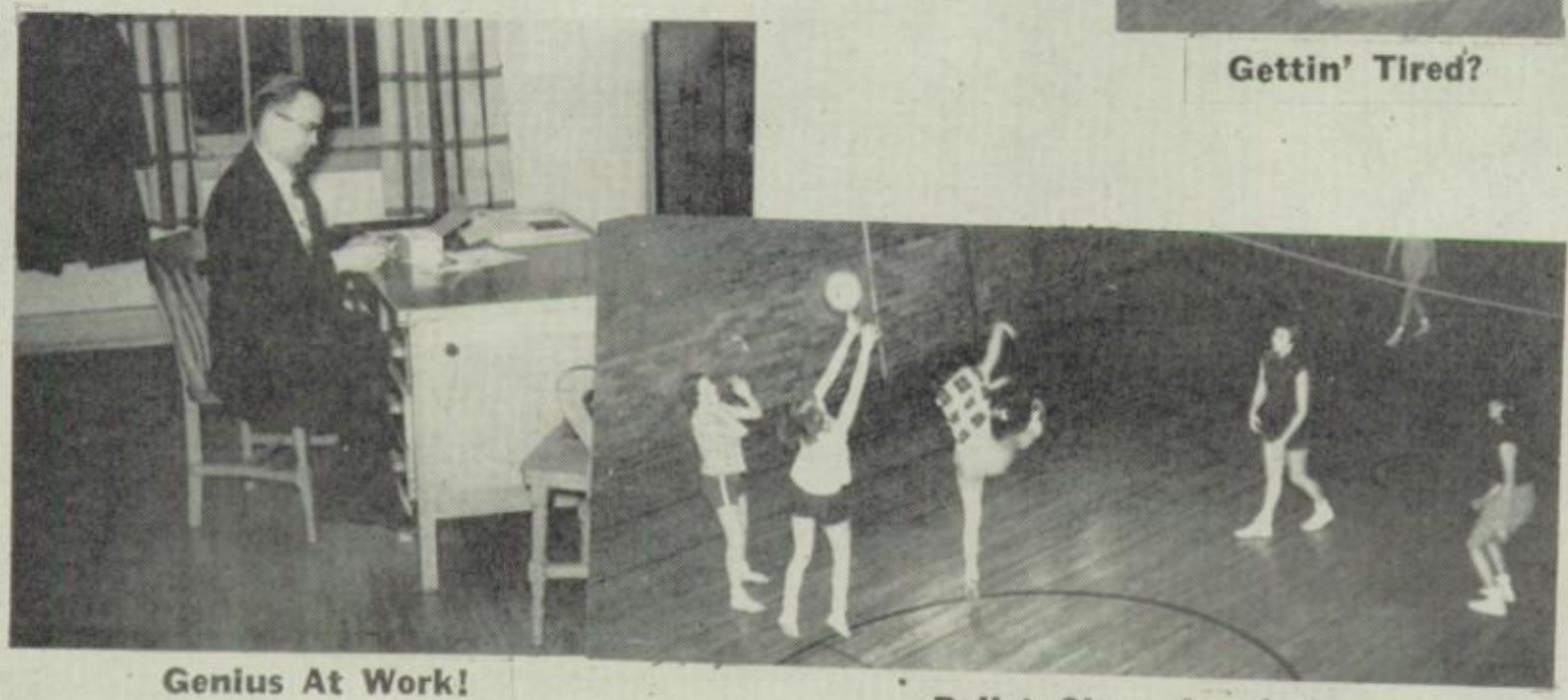
Stop or I'll Shoot!

Stick 'em Up!

Put Some Money in De Pot, Boy!

Absorbed (?) Teachers

Gettin' Tired?



Genius At Work!

Ballet Class, Jane?

Typical "Study" Hall!

Guess Who?

A bunch of the boys —

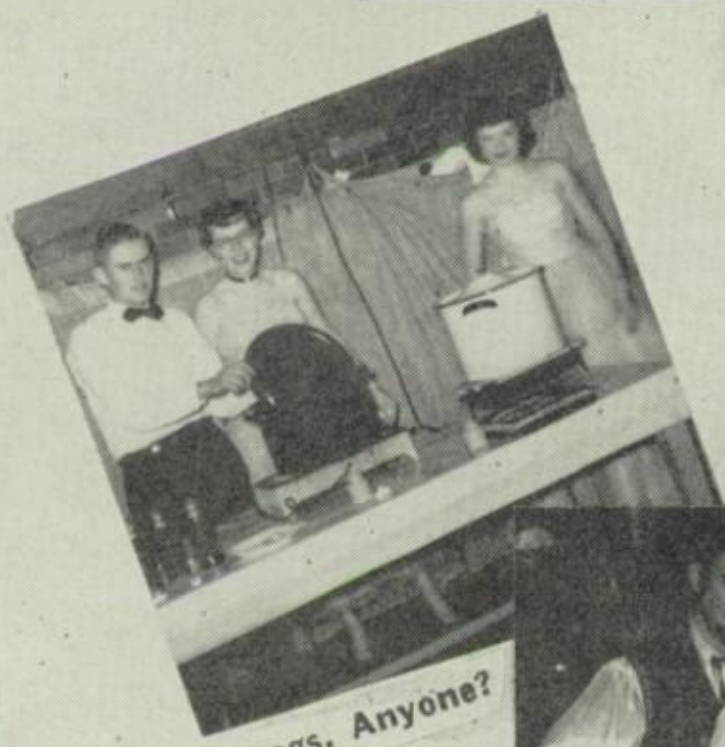
I bid two hearts

What have we here?

Gail — with hair

Queen Kay and her Prince Charming

Surprize!



Hot Dogs, Anyone?

Is it on straight, Peach?

Oh you beautiful doll!

Curtain Time!

Four brave Toreadors??

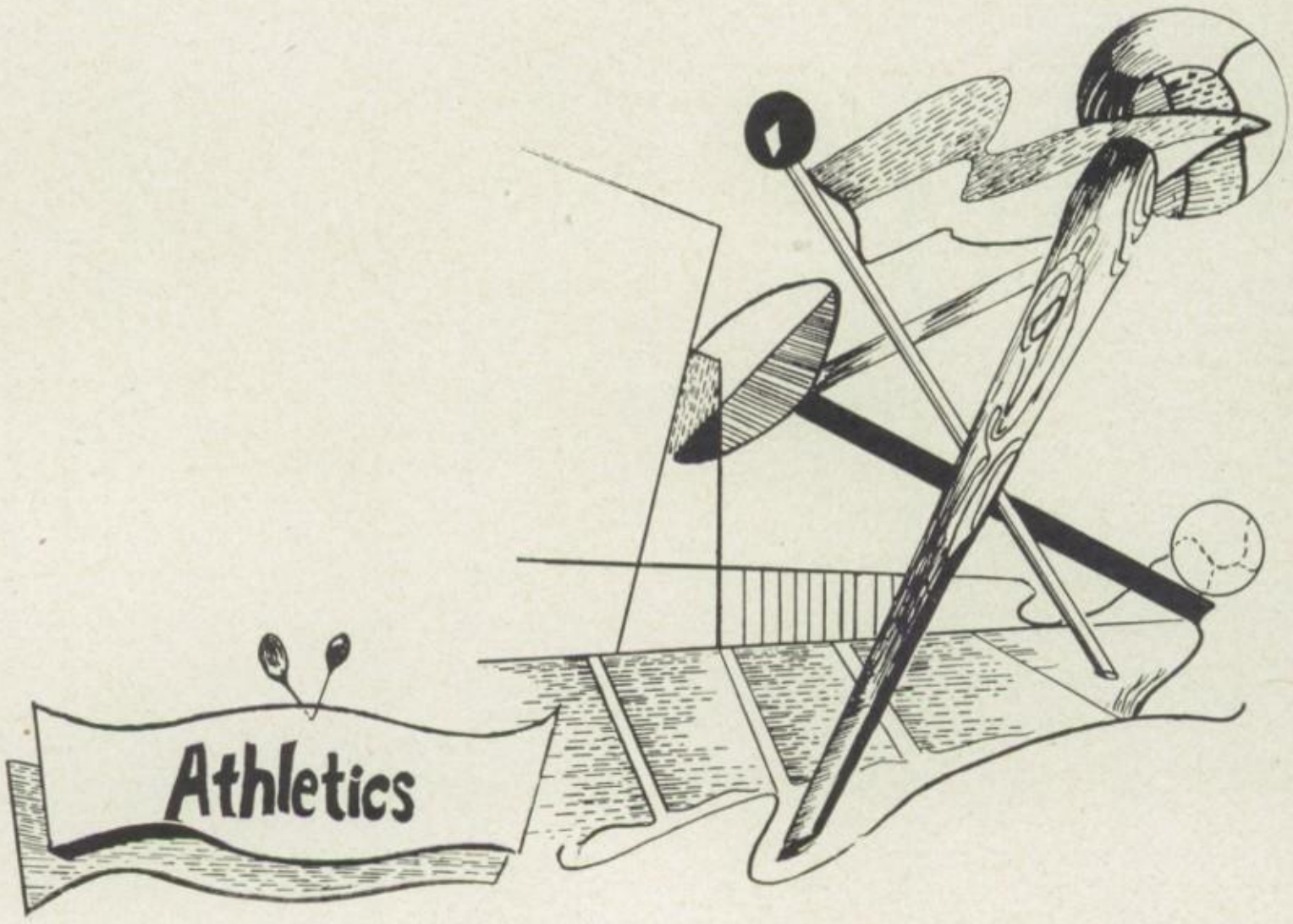
Making Moo-Lah!

Anybody for Seconds?

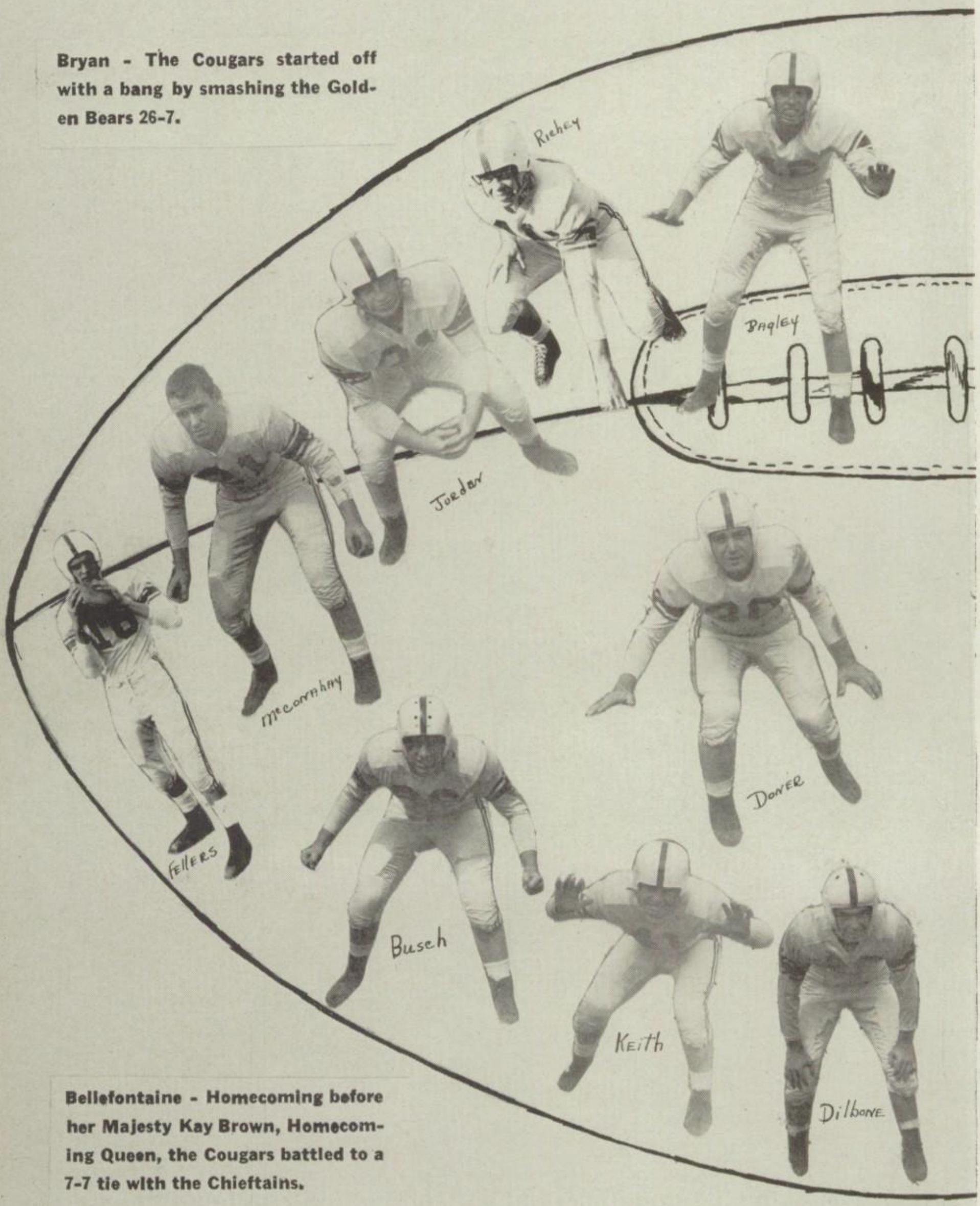
Cooks?

Hungry, Leen?

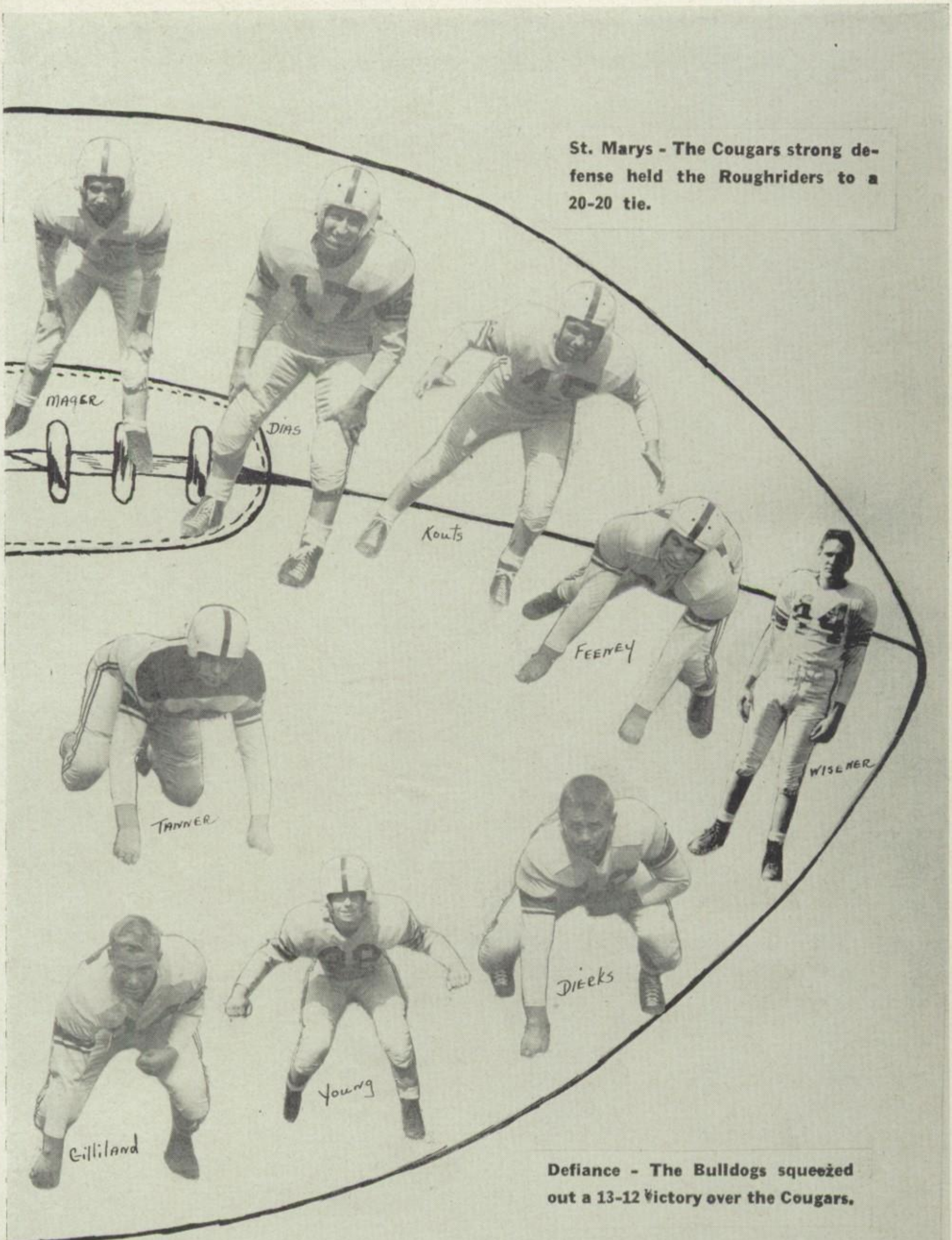
Matching Pennies?


Athletics

Bryan - The Cougars started off with a bang by smashing the Golden Bears 26-7.



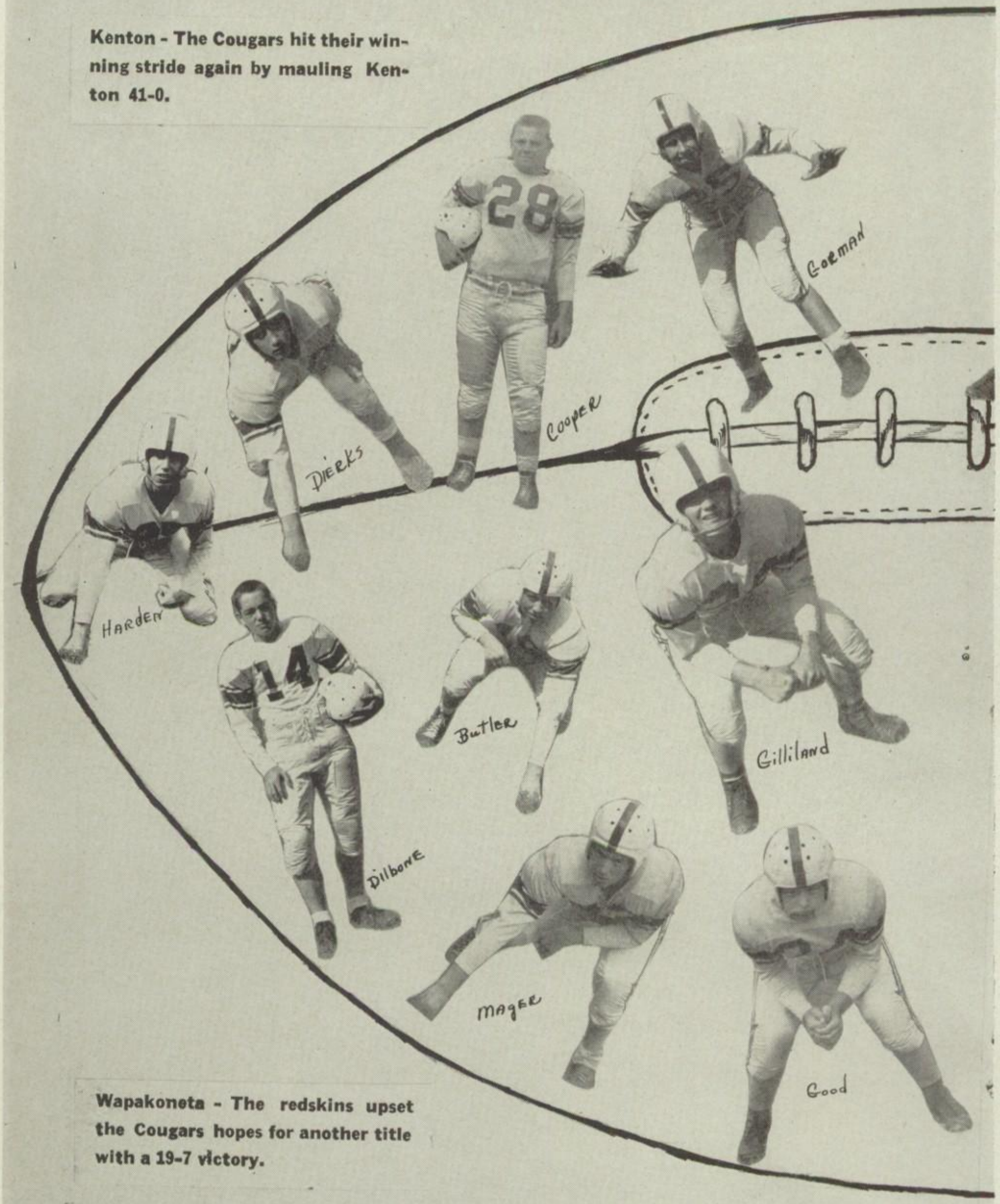
Bellefontaine - Homecoming before her Majesty Kay Brown, Homecoming Queen, the Cougars battled to a 7-7 tie with the Chieftains.



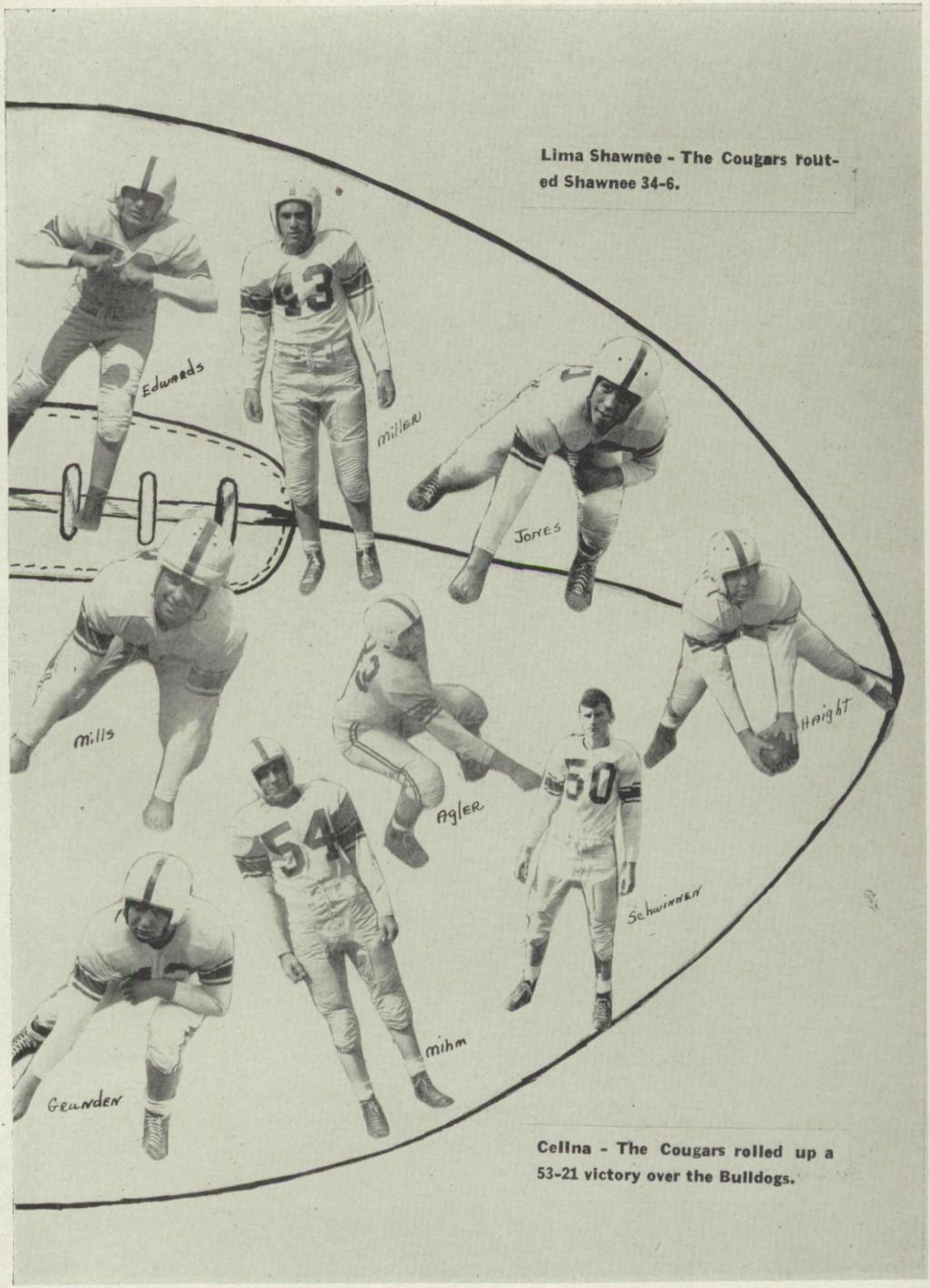
St. Marys - The Cougars strong defense held the Roughriders to a 20-20 tie.

Defiance - The Bulldogs squeezed out a 13-12 victory over the Cougars.

Kenton - The Cougars hit their winning stride again by mauling Kenton 41-0.

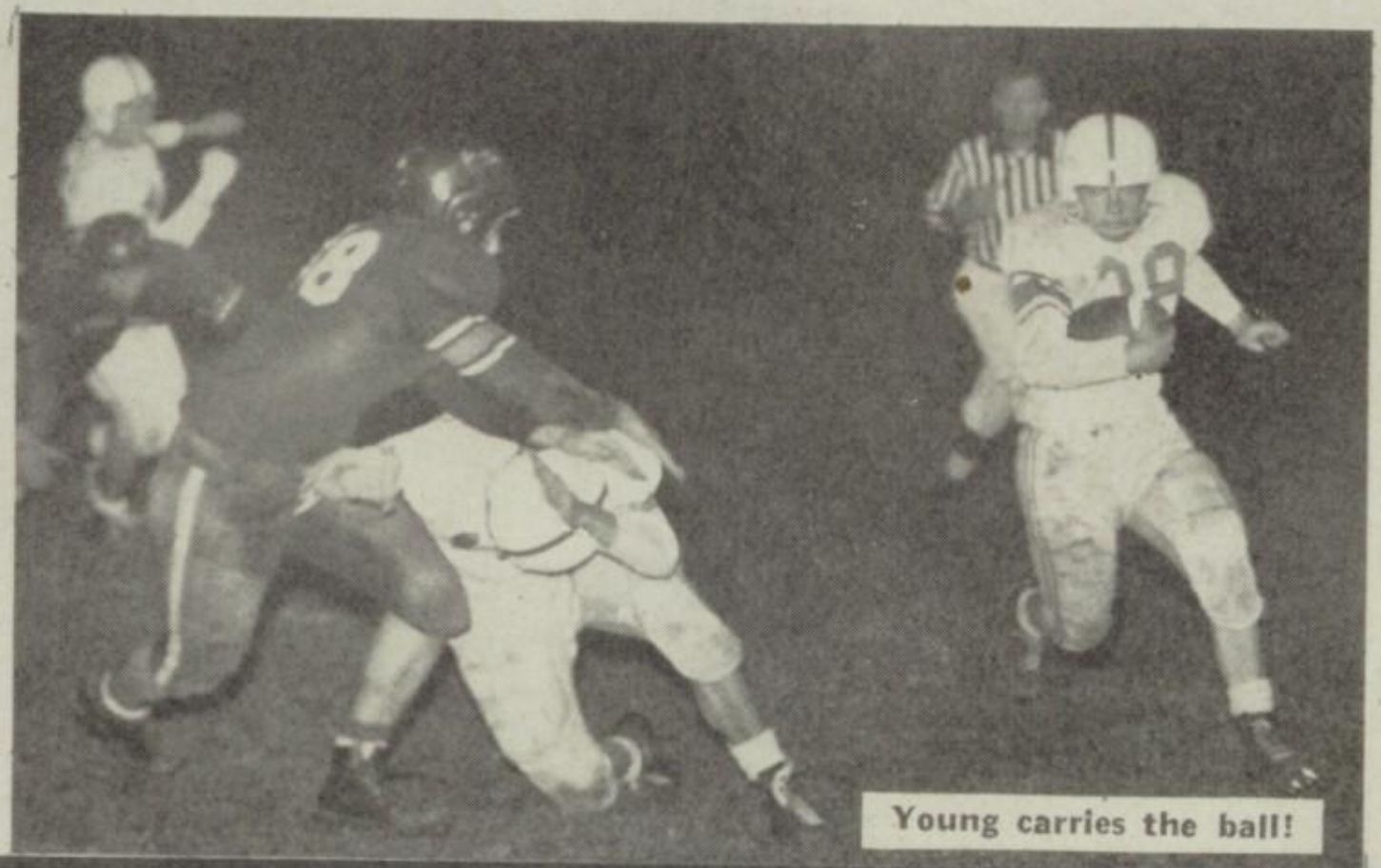


Wapakoneta - The redskins upset the Cougars hopes for another title with a 19-7 victory.



Lima Shawnee - The Cougars routed Shawnee 34-6.

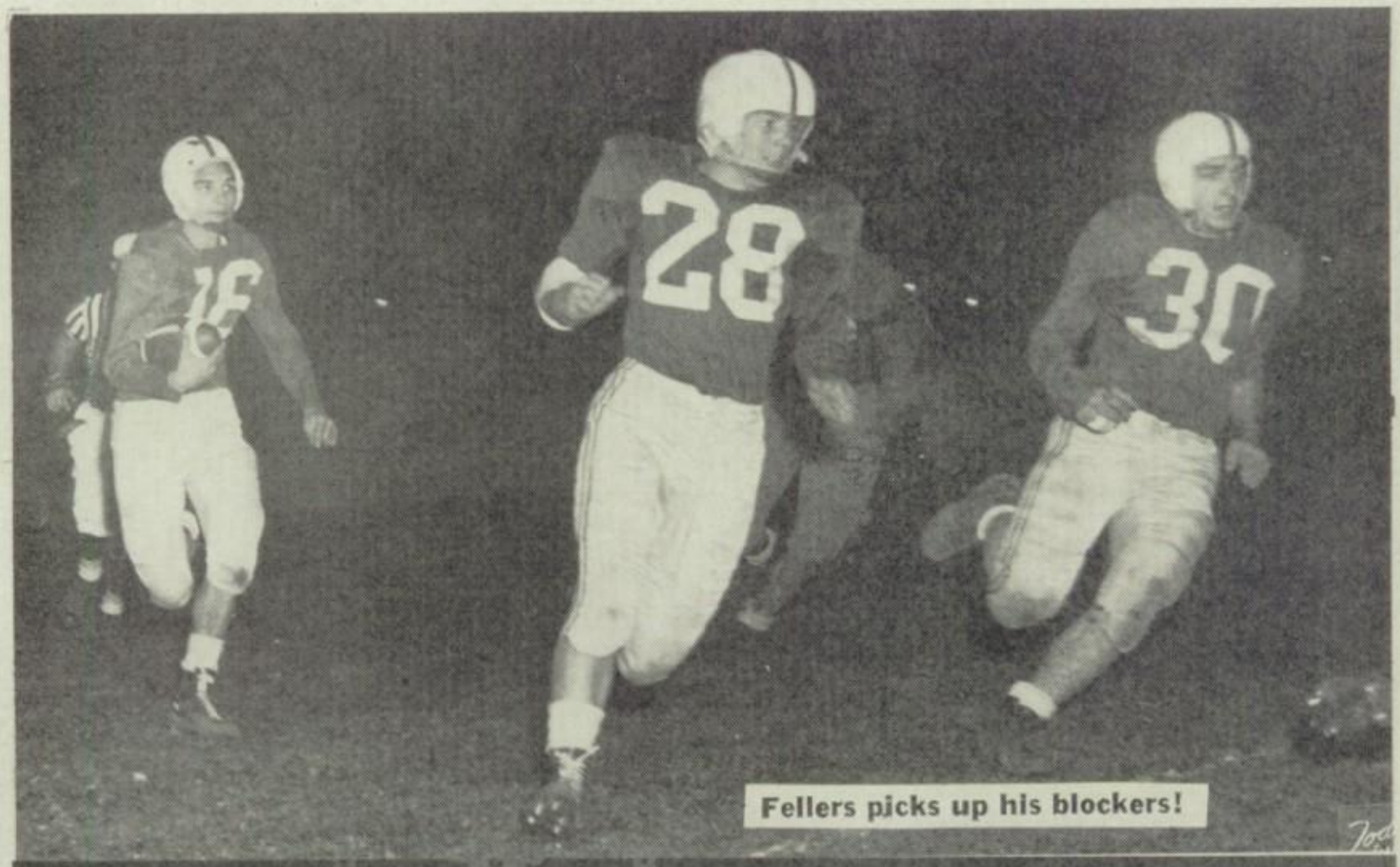
Celina - The Cougars rolled up a 53-21 victory over the Bulldogs.



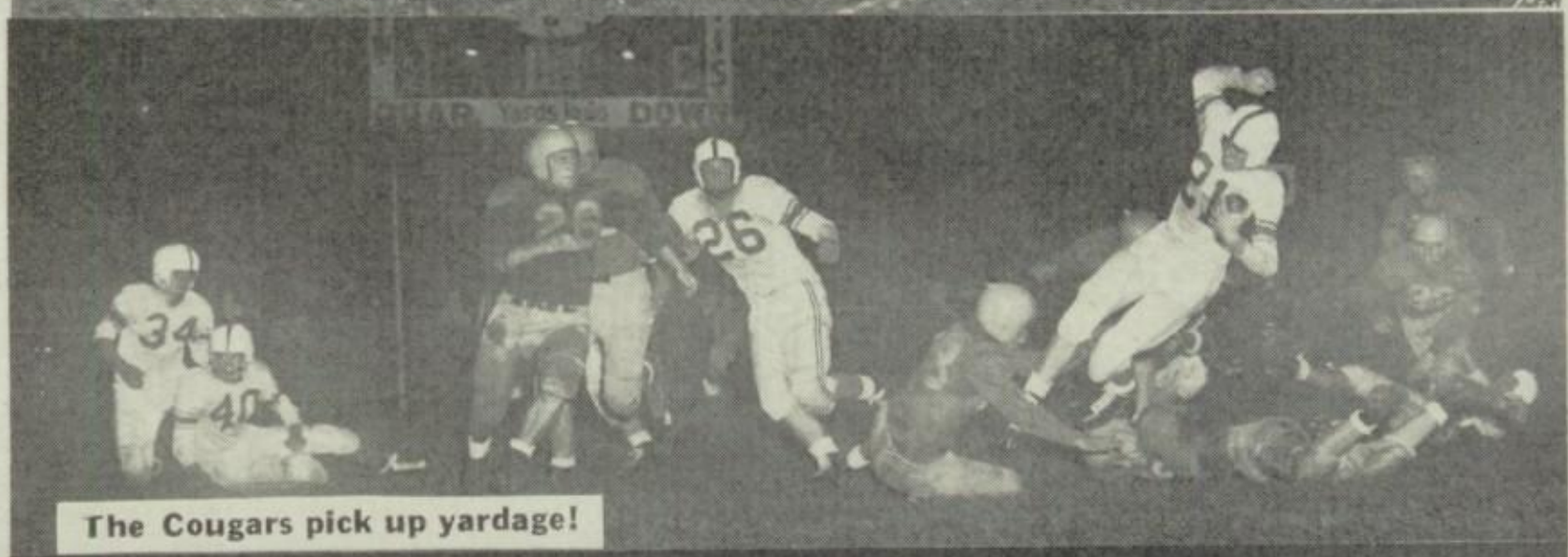
Young carries the ball!

Takes two to tango!

McConahay goes for a cougar gain!



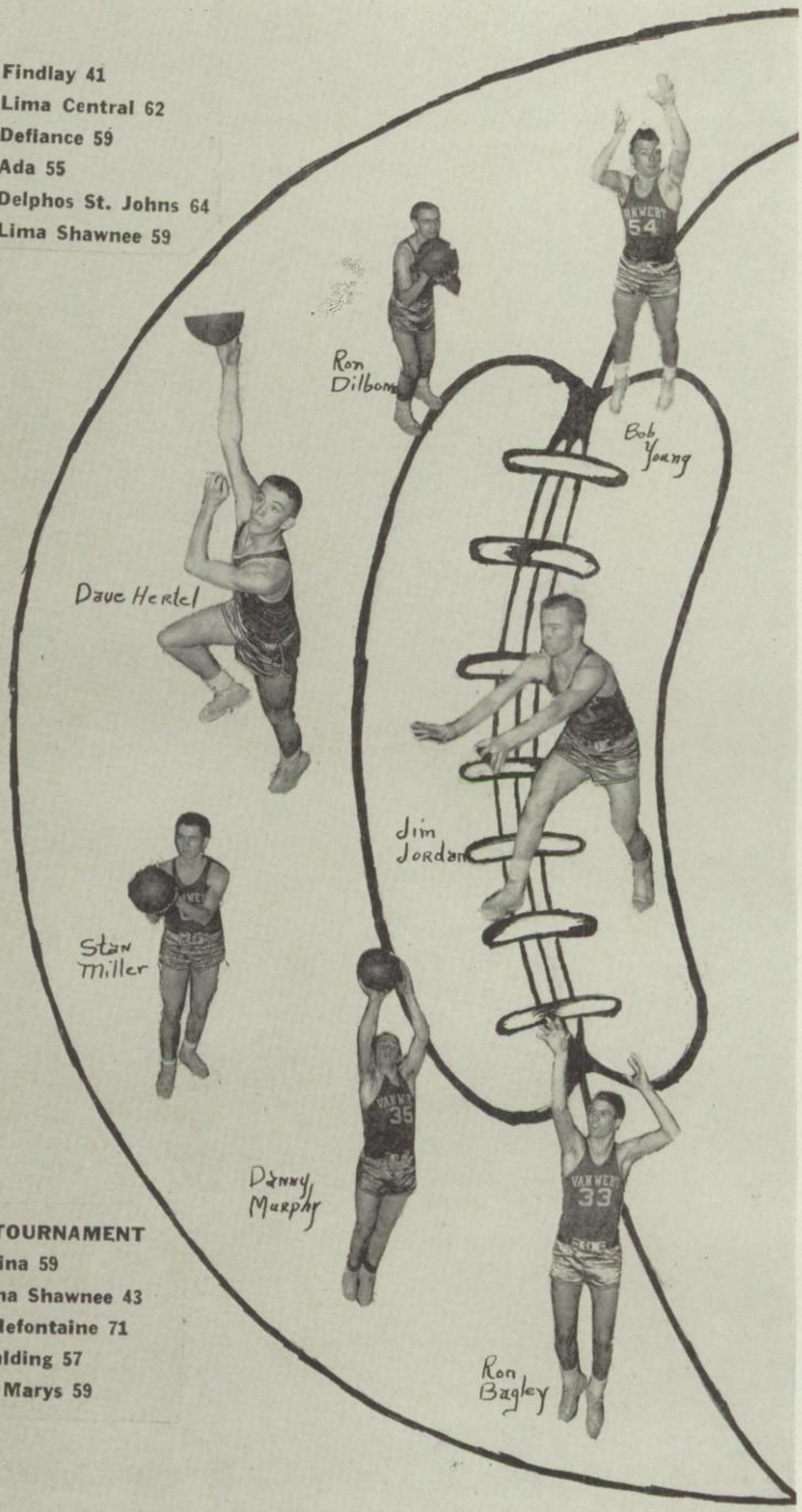
Fellers picks up his blockers!



The Cougars pick up yardage!

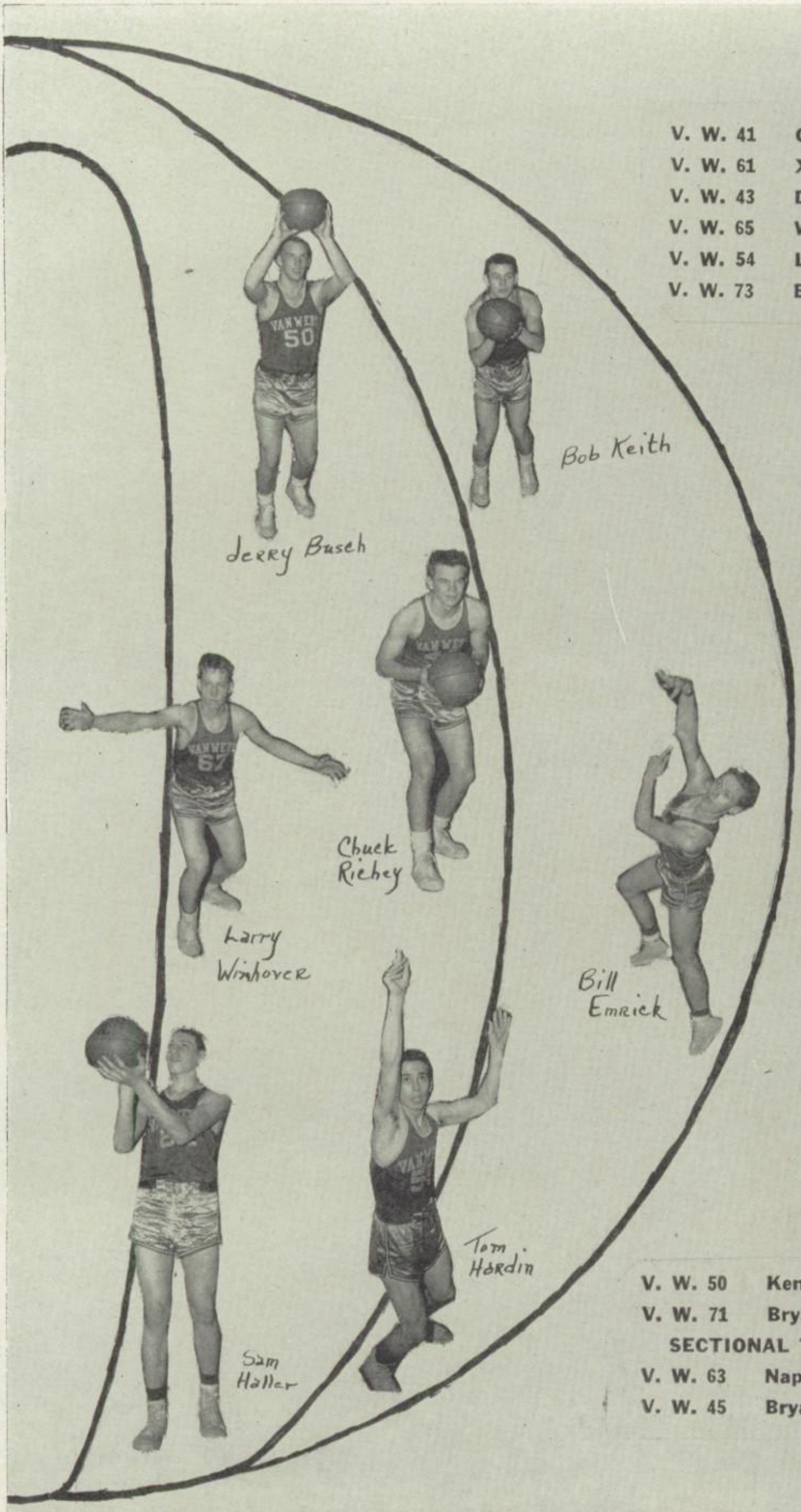
The Dads of The Cougars!

V. W. 45	Findlay 41
V. W. 57	Lima Central 62
V. W. 48	Defiance 59
V. W. 62	Ada 55
V. W. 65	Delphos St. Johns 64
V. W. 60	Lima Shawnee 59



HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

V. W. 60	Celina 59
V. W. 56	Lima Shawnee 43
V. W. 52	Bellefontaine 71
V. W. 63	Paulding 57
V. W. 53	St. Marys 59



V. W. 41	Celina 52
V. W. 61	Xenia Central 67
V. W. 43	Decatur 52
V. W. 65	Wapakoneta 71
V. W. 54	Lima South 66
V. W. 73	Bluffton 62

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SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

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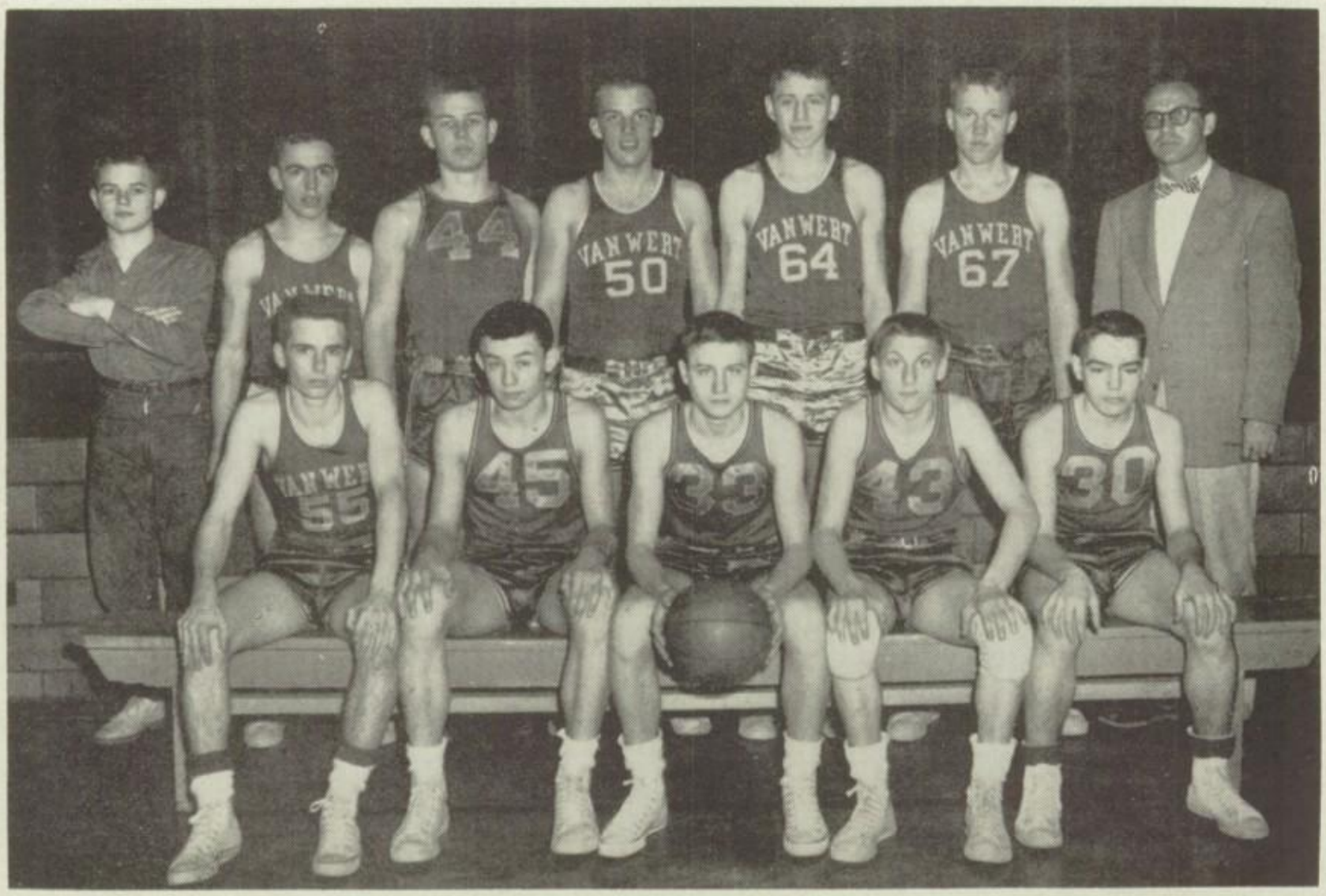
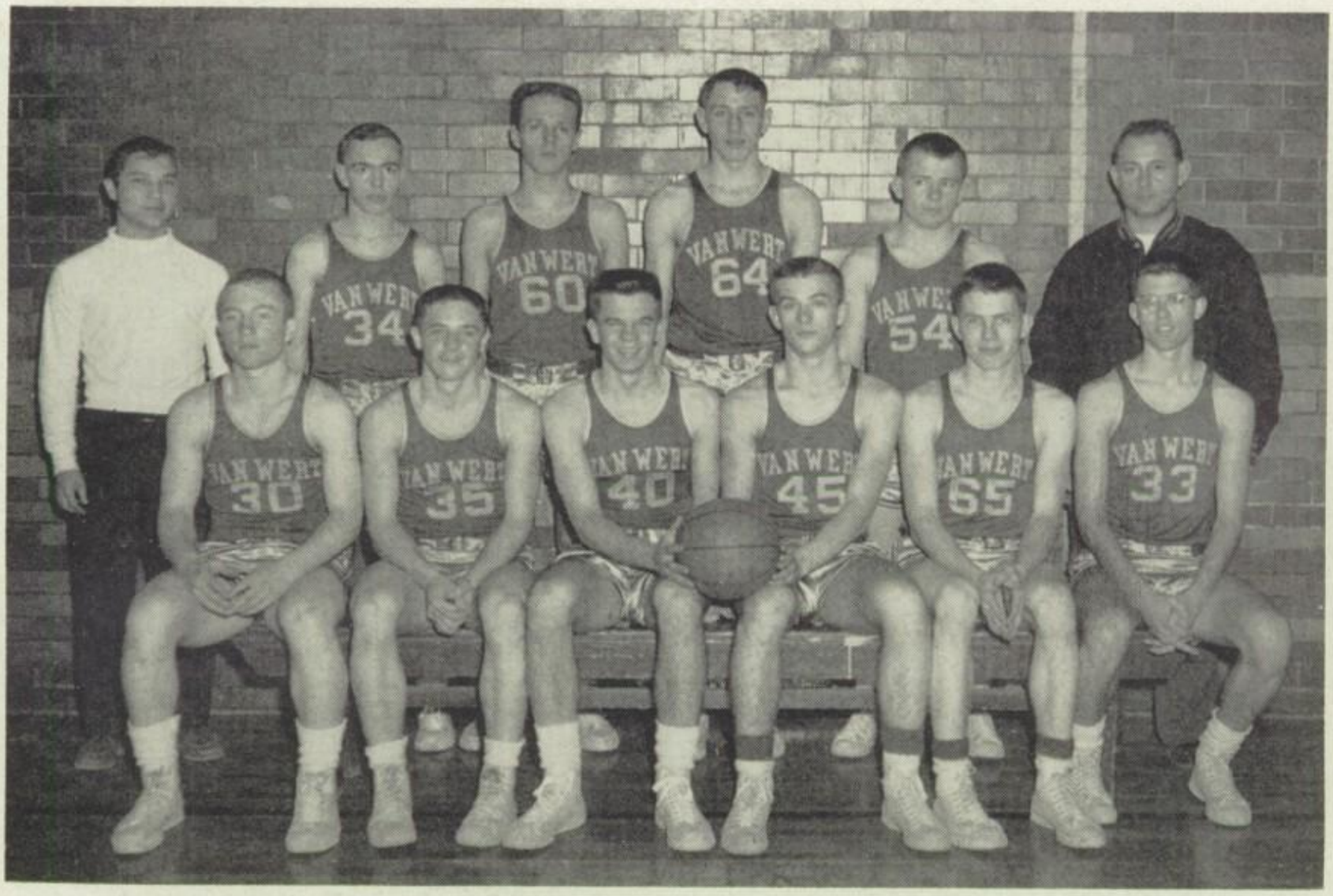
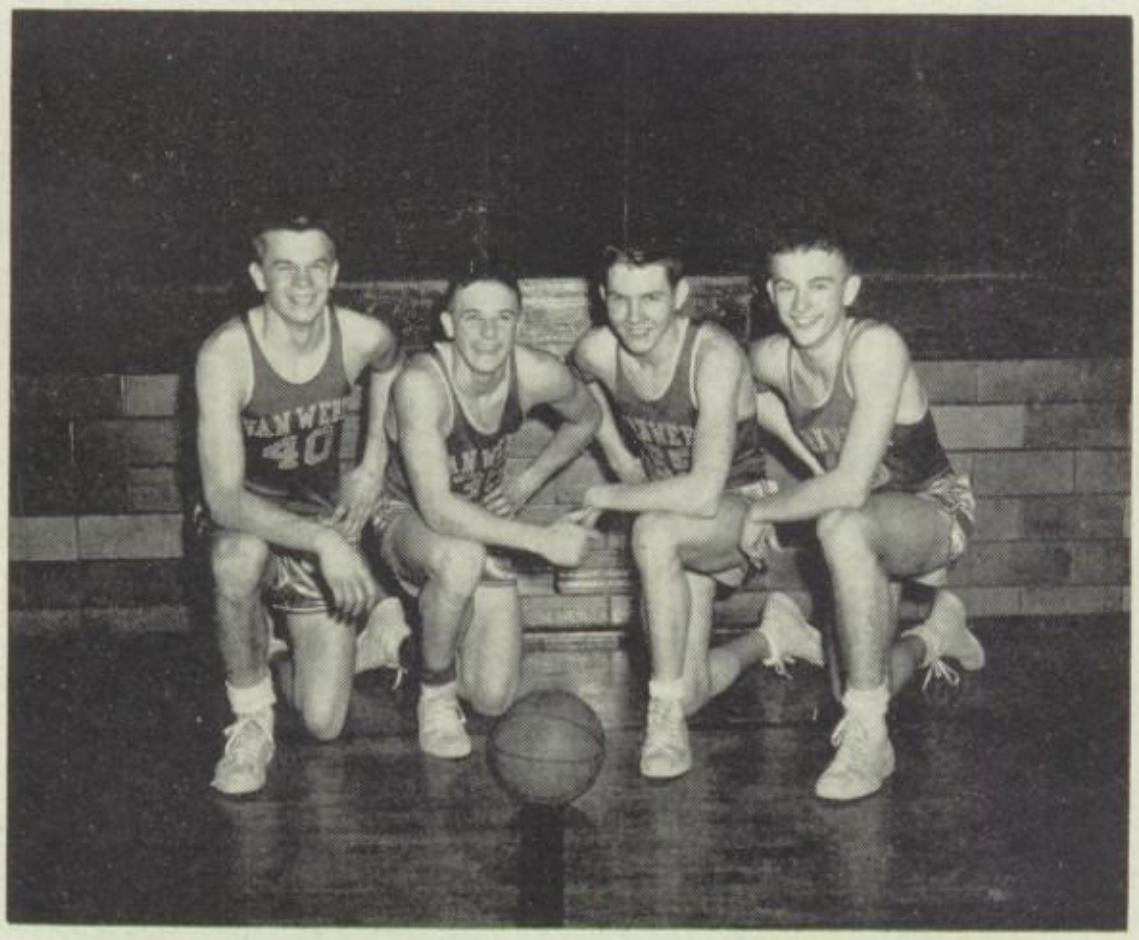
V. W. 45	Bryan 48



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Manager John Saylor, Ronnie Dilbone, Bob Keith, Jerry Busch, Sam Haller, Larry Winhover, Coach Otis Coon. LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tom Harden, Kenny Seibert, DeVon Bricker, Marvin Mihm, Jim Dilbone.



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Manager B. Waldron, R. Dilbone, B. Emrick, S. Haller, B. Young, Coach C. Cline.
LOWER, LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Jordan, D. Murphy, C. Richey, D. Hertel, S. Miller, R. Bagley.



OUR VARSITY SENIORS

RESERVE BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD—9 WINS—7 LOSSES

FINDLAY—The Kittens lose to Findlay 42-37.

LIMA CENTRAL—The Kittens lose another thriller 63-52. The Kittens scored freely but couldn't quite match Central's power.

DEFIANCE—The Kittens nip Defiance 46-44. The Kittens controlled the backboards to win this one.

ADA—The Kittens rock Ada 46-37. The Kittens pulled away in the last half to win.

DELPHOS ST. JOHN—The Kittens drop a thrilling overtime game to St. John's 48-47. The Kittens couldn't hold a large lead they had at the half.

LIMA SHAWNEE—Van Wert edged Shawnee 38-37 in a well played game.

BELLEFOUNTAINE—The Chieftains nip the Kittens 31-28.

PAULDING—Van Wert drops another close game 38-35.

ST. MARYS—St. Marys rallies in the last remaining minutes to slip by the Kittens 41-40.

CELINA—The Kittens squeeze by Decatur 40-38 in the last 7 seconds in the game.

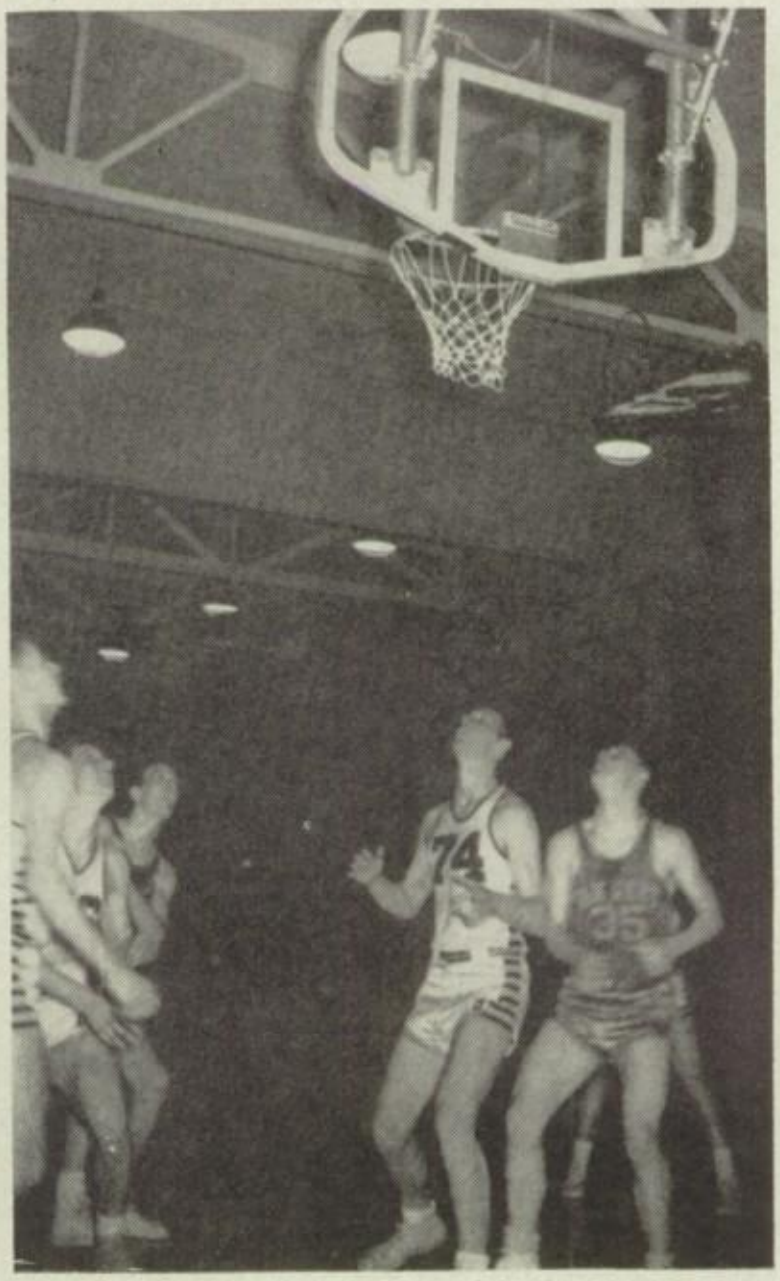
WAPAK—The Kittens tromp Wapak 47-39 for their third straight win.

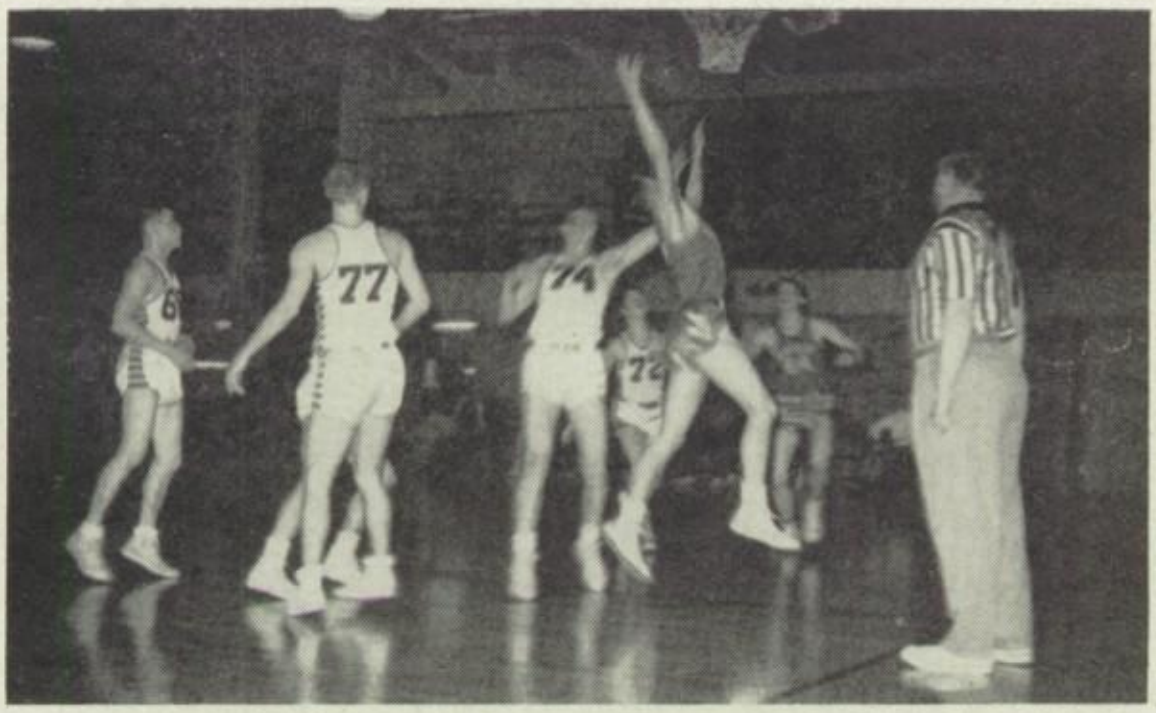
LIMA SOUTH—The Kittens make it four in a row! Edge South 42-40.

BLUFFTON—Five in a row! The Kittens slap the Pirates 44-31.

KENTON—The Wildcats down the Kittens 40-35 in an overtime.

BRYAN—The Kittens end a successful season by edging the Golden Bears 55-50 in an overtime.

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COACH CLARENCE CLINE

Head Basketball Coach
Head Baseball Coach
Junior High Football Coach

COACH GIL SMITH

Athletic Director
Head Football Coach

COACH OTIS COON

Assistant Football Coach
Assistant Basketball Coach

COACH NICHOLAS KLUTKA

Freshman Football Coach
Freshman Basketball Coach

Barbara Smith Elaine Mericle Marcia Putman

Peg Brown Nancy Harruf Nancy Waymire

Vangie Barrientoes

Linda Bagley

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Carolline Bradford

Carol Eggerss

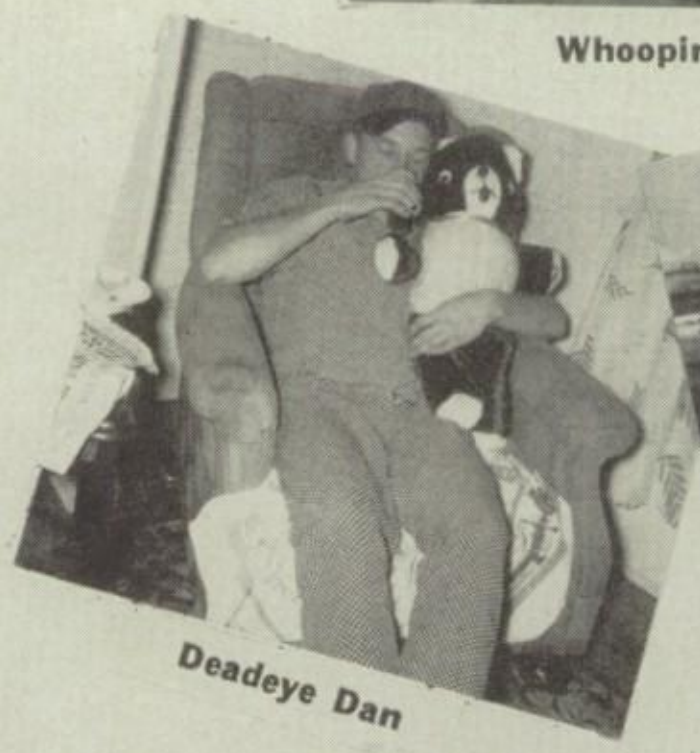
Joanne Johnson

Mrs. Duprey, Adviser

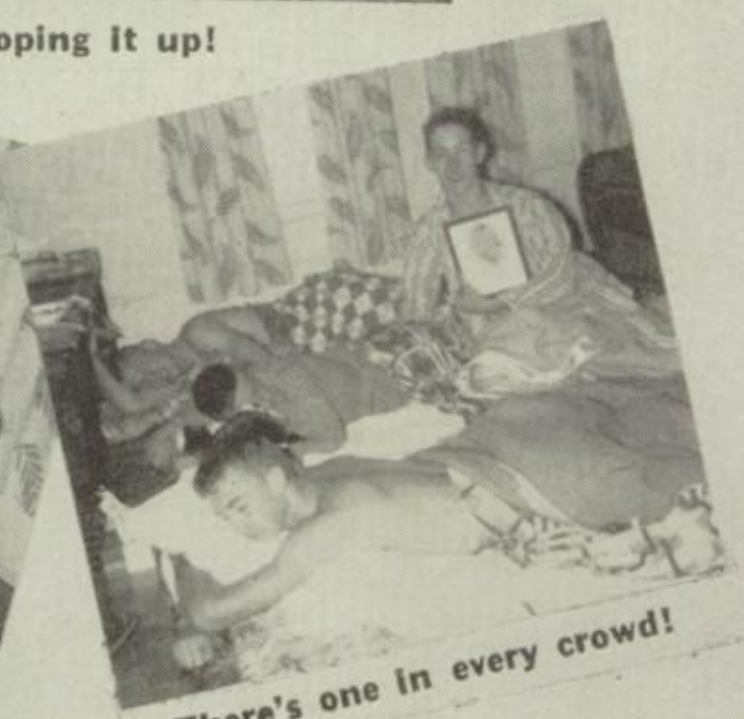
Big Men!

Six little Indians!

Whooping it up!

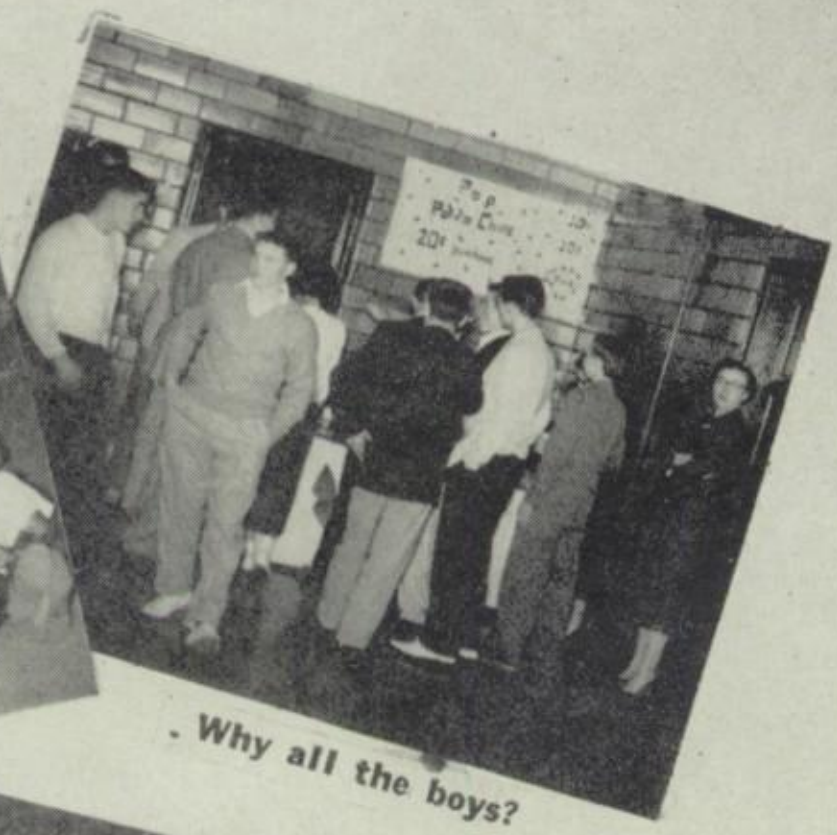


Deadeye Dan



There's one in every crowd!

Come as you are!



. Why all the boys?

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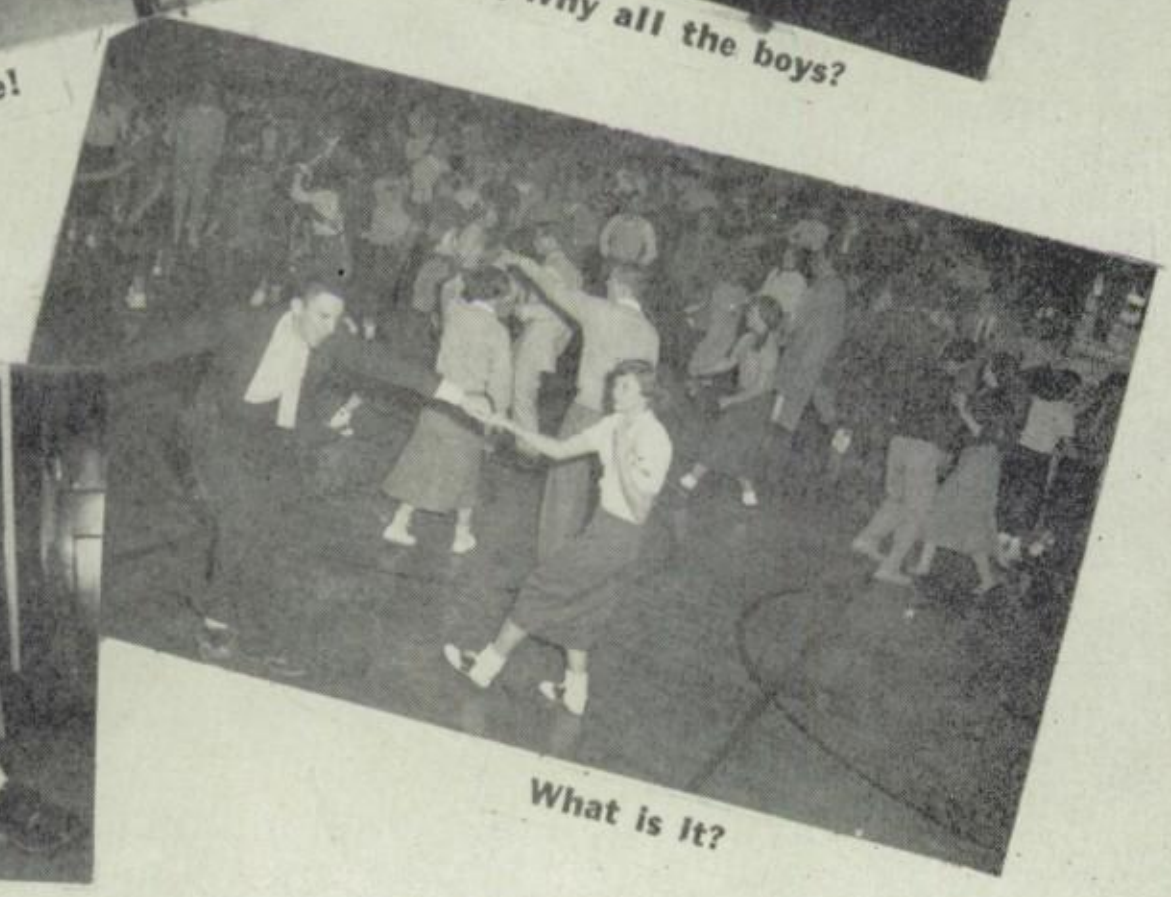

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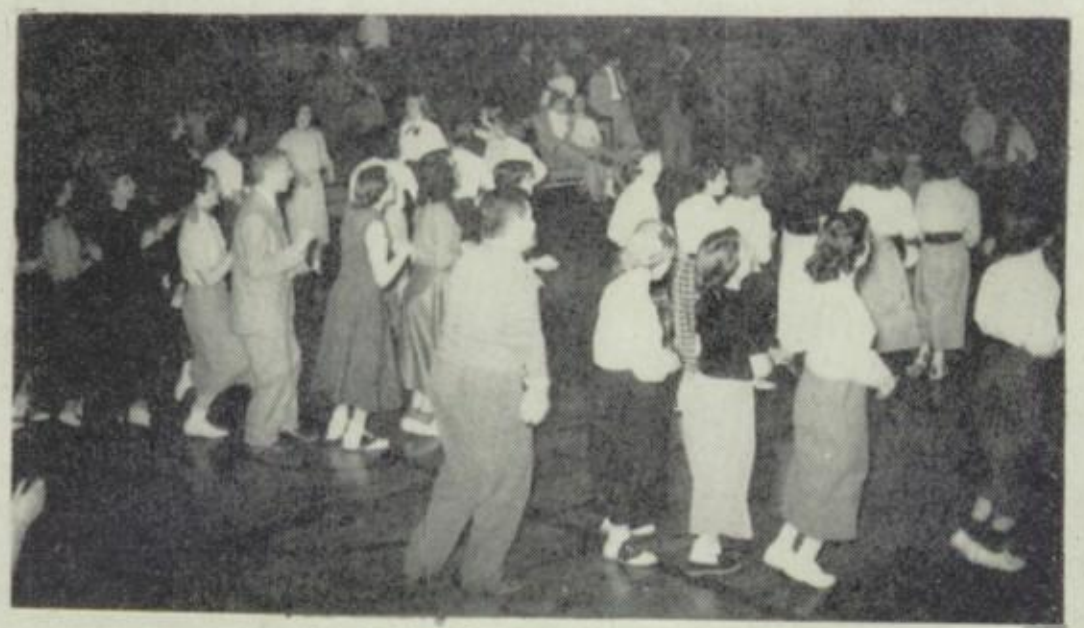


Go, Diesel, go!

SENIOR SURVEY

Best Looking—Girl
KAY BROWN

Best Looking—Boy
DAVE HERTEL

Best Personality—Girl
REHA ELSTON

Best Personality—Boy
JOHN BLAKE

Best Dressed—Girl
KAY BAGLEY

Best Dressed—Boy
LEWIE DUSTMAN

Most Athletic—Girl
JOANNE JOHNSON

Most Athletic—Boy
DANNY MURPHY

Best Figure—Girl
SHIRLEY SPEAKMAN

Best Physique—Boy
BILL DIAS

Best Sense of Humor—Girl
MARCIA MILLER

Best Sense of Humor—Boy
WELLS PURMORT

Biggest Coquette
GINGER MILLER

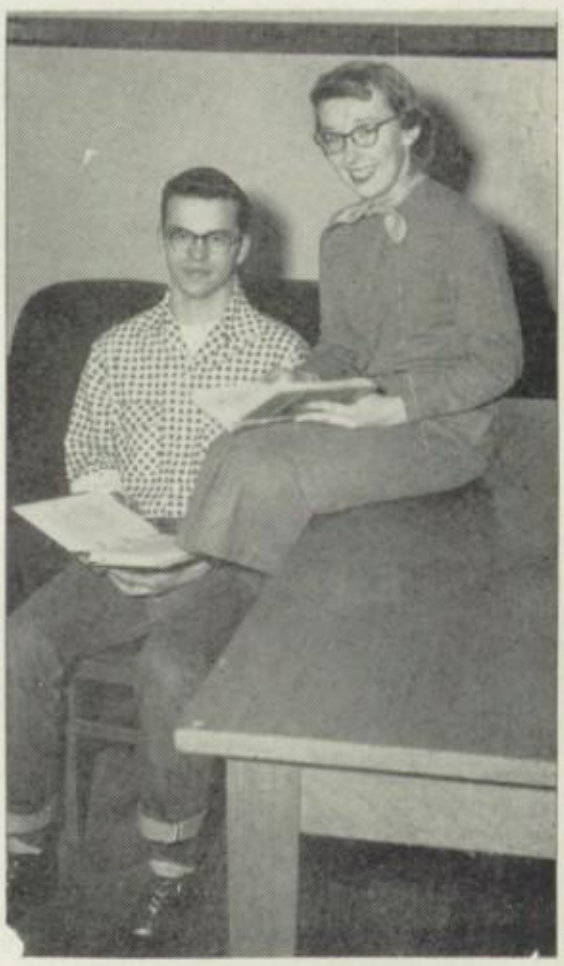
Biggest Coquette
TRAVIS KOUTS

Most Friendly Girl
LORETTA HUFFINE

Most Friendly Boy
TOM KIGGINS

Most Likely to Succeed—Girl
KATHLEEN MOORE

Most Likely to Succeed—Boy
CHUCK RICHEY



Most Studious Girl
ANN HELMAN

Most Studious Boy
DICK GIESSLER

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Van Wert High School

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1954 — 6:30 P.M.

STADIUM

PROGRAM

Processional, "March from Scipio".....Handel
High School Band

Invocation.....Rev. C. Frank Mills, First Baptist Church

"Send Forth Thy Spirit" .....Schueky
High School Choir

Scripture Lesson.....Rev. Howard McCraken, Calvary Church

"Jesus Our Lord We Adore Thee".....James
High School Choir

Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. David Miller, St. Marks Lutheran Church

Benediction.....Rev. R. W. Faulkner, Trinity Church

"God Be With You".....Tomer
High School Choir

Recessional "March from Four Episodes".....Morrisey
High School Band

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hazel Gleason, President — Donald White, Vice-President

Cyril Bechtol - Henry Prior - Walter Tolan

Robert Baker, Principal of High School

R. D. Bennett, Superintendent

F. E. Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Van Wert High School

MAY 28, 1954 — 6:30 P.M.

STADIUM

PROGRAM

Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance".....Elcar
Van Wert High School Band

National Anthem by the Audience.....Directed by Herbert Jones
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band

Invocation.....Rev. Burt Bussard, Wesley Church

"Ours Is The World".....Morgan
Van Wert High School Choir

"Rock of My Soul".....Cain
Van Wert High School Choir

Class Address.....Dr. Homer Vanderpool, Dayton, Ohio

Presentation of Class.....Robert Baker
Principal of Van Wert High School

Presentation of Diplomas:

Hazel Gleason, Pres., Board of Education
Donald White, V-Pres., Board of Education

Presentation of Awards:

Mary C. Wisener, Memorial Award.....Robert Baker
Black Inc., Award.....C. F. Ross
The Wayland, Purmort, Berger Award.....C. F. Ross

"America," by the Audience.....Directed by Herbert Jones
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band

Benediction.....Rev. J. Miller Gold

Recessional, "March from Scipio".....Handel
Van Wert High School Band

PROM

"Medley in Fantasy" was selected as the theme of the Junior-Senior Prom of 1954. The music was provided by Hal Kern and his orchestra. The stage was in a foil shell effect with floodlights of different colors shining on it. The ceiling was entwined with pink and aqua crepe paper; the black walls were decorated with objects of modern art. Situated in various places on the floor were three diamond disks, wrapped in foil, which were made to sparkle by floodlights.

Dick Giessler acted as our master of ceremonies. Junior class president, Danny Murphy, welcomed the Seniors; and Dick Packer, Senior president, responded. "The Girls' Barbershop Sextette", consisting of Betty Lou Bolinger, Karen Brockert, Elaine Fast, Laurie Gold, Jean Purdy, and Shirley Zinsmeister, sang several novelty songs; and Marianne Edwards and Karen Brockert played two piano duets.

The grand march was led by Danny Murphy and Kay Brown.

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Time: 2000 A.D., all the Seniors of '54 are lined up in front of the Pearly Gates after a long, well-lived (?) life. They are anxiously giving an account of themselves to St. Peter, who is taking it down in his Book of Life.

"Fearless Fosdick" Agler had been hired by Martha Brown to find her husband who went out for a glass of milk (?) and had never returned.

Jack Aurand was Lex Barker's chief competitor for "Tarzan" movies.

Kay Bagley had a fashion shop in Middlepoint. Her most outstanding creation was a space suit that was out of this world.

Colleen Baird was head gal on the Sunday night program "John's Other Head."

The name of the business of Vangie and Ric Barrientos' was "How to Improve your Figure or Physique." Ric took care of the figures, while Vangie handled the physiques.

John Blake was the big wheel of Van Wert's Y.M.C.A. His total membership was 57. Half of these were his own. Poor Marcia was all worn out—after washing all those "Y" towels.

Elaine Bollenbacher Blair was in business with her husband hatching little Green Beetles.

Jim Bowersock's biggest supermarket was Bowersock, Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. It was opened and operated by Bowersock, Bowersock, and Bowersock. Ooops! and Bowersock.

Carolyn Bradford's laugh was in great demand, so she was hired by comedian Kenny "Hope" Knittle to sit in his audiences and giggle.

Karen Brockert's new recording of "Come Under the Bridge" passed the million mark.

Kay Brown was voted the neatest lapful in Ohio.

Gail Burget was a good-will ambassador between Van Wert and Rockford.

Richard Carter was married and raising a lot of Carter's little pills.

Bev Case had the honor of being the only girl sax player in Billy May's orchestra. She really enjoyed her work.

Shirley Collins had fulfilled her lifelong ambition of being a physical education instructor. She taught at West Point.

Yvonne Copeland was still puckering on her horn called "Frenchie."

Ron Crowe was head designer at General Motors. He designed cars, not heads.

Maurice Dempsey never fully recovered from the shock of being selected as Miss Armstrong's favorite pupil.

Bill "Atlas" Dias carried the weight of the world on his shoulders, since he graduated from Joan Shaw's Modern Institute of Muscle Technology.

Dig this! Gerry Dierks was owner of Dierks' Diggers of Dirty Dirt.

Carol Doner had her own flower shop, "Poesie's Posies." She had quite a number of little Poesies.

Lewie Dustman and Tom Kiggins had patented a new hair tonic. Their motto is "Curley Mops for Baldy Tops."

Marianne Edwards was on the famous T.V. program, "My Friend, Peachie."

Reha Elston gave driving lessons. Her specialty was parking.

Carol Unterbrink was working for the famous Jan Farlow Dancing School as an instructor.

Elaine Fast was top scorer for Larry McDaniel's all girl basketball team, "The Petunias", who had just won their second straight game, defeating Cavett 316 to 11. Clara Furrell was water-boy?

Dick Giessler had just written a sequel to the "Lost Week-end." It was slightly longer, and titled "The Misplaced Month."

Writing ran in the family as Fred Giessler published a book on "The Proper and Safe Methods of Driving."

Gale Gilliland had been piloting his 1923 hot rod in the Indiana Speedway.

Bill Gingrich rose from the position of chief cook and bottle washer to chief bottlewasher and cook.

Bill Gipe, better known as "Cueball", was well known as a creator of men's hair styles.

Jane Good had been helping Uncle Sam by raising a crop of little Marines.

Jim Hall was back in the saddle again, taking Gene Autry's place.

Kay Halliwill perfected a medicine which she called Kay's Kure for Krazy Kats.

Shirley Height and Sally Worthington were famous historians touring the country just looking for the facts.

Ann Helman had established a new Starr Commonwealth Home for Boys.

Mary Lou Herminghuysen was extremely busy trying to find an easier way to do nothing.

David Hertel, a famed psychiatrist, retired after the finance company confiscated his couch.

Betty Hines had given a new idea to her brothers, so now the Heinz Brothers have 58 varieties instead of the monotonous 57.

Loretta Huffine was enrolled in a night school on "How to be a Model Farmer's Wife."

Nancy Imler was voted "Florence Nightingale" of the year.

Inez Jenkins and Tatiana Rouse were translators of the U. N. Assembly. Their most proficient language was pig Latin.

Mary Jerome was first cornetist for the Marine Band.

Dean Johns was president of Dean's Delightful Dozie Mattresses for which Bob Shupe was chief tester.

Joanne Johnson, disappointed in love, had joined the French Foreign Legion.

Alice Jones had a chain of drug stores. Her competitors found they couldn't keep up with the Jones.

Ollen Jones was one of the Jones Boys, about which the whole town was talking.

Bev Keipper made a fortune manufacturing Bev's Bubble Bath.

Milo Kieth and Helen Mace had eloped to Madagascar where they were making a living running a frog farm.

Beverly Kesler was made head waitress at Grace's (Mefford) Greasy Spoon.

Eva Kesler was secretary of the Department of Libraries of Ohio.

Because of his great aversion to the female sex, Trav Kouts had withdrawn from society to become a hermit in the wilds of Ubangi.

Barbara Lalonde published a book—"How to Preserve, Not Pickle, Your Looks."

Bob Lippi made a fortune in Spain teaching toreadors how to sing.

Ronald Lowe reached the high position of manager for the Fort Wayne Daisies.

Sharon McCollum and Kathleen Moore had never ceased arguing about the evaluation of Nabisco and Sunshine products. (Wise up, Sharon. Signed—Kathleen.)

Delores Martin was famous for her bubble dance done with new plastic bubbles that will not explode, crack, or fade.

Jerry Martz bared the secret of his life in a startling 150-page expose—he was born.

Carol Miller was running a glue factory in Colorado. She wanted to stay away from it all, and this helped.

Ginger Miller was editor of "Boy's Life", having had so much contact with the opposite gender.

Stan Miller wrote a book on the rules of basketball, which dribbled for 1001 pages.

Steve Moyer had received a patent on a new school seat with leather head-rests.

Dan Murphy was voted as having the neatest lap in Ohio.

Judith Nash gave Rise Stevens a run for her money. Judith finally got it. The money, that is.

Joy Preston was solo cymbal player in Jim Yahn's famous "Yahnnie's Yoglers of Melodious Melodies."

Kay Preston Murray was selling bird whistles on the Alaskan Highway.

Pat Prichard had her own show called Pat's Pet Peeve Program.

Wells Purmort did research work for Dr. Kinsey.

Joe Raabe invented a new foam rubber tilt-back lounge chair for choir rooms, especially designed for those who have tender backs.

Sue Rager had her own All "Ghoul" Choir with Roxanna Smitley as soloist.

Chuck Richey achieved his desire of becoming Dean of Women at Marysville, a fashionable institution for exceptionally talented women.

Stan Scott was noted for having the largest gas station in the world. He had a total of 369 employees—all girls.

Janet Shaeffer had taken Miss Armstrong's place as Master Mathematician.

Joan Shook could be seen nightly at Binkey's Bar-B-Q, cleaning up on the slot machines.

Shirley Speakman has quietly taken a back seat while her football star husband, Dan, proceeds to the top.

Ben Spearman was scraping gum from the bottom of seats of Radio City Music Hall, having had so much experience at V.W.H.S.

Ben Spieth was selling violets and hand-painted neckties on the corner of Main and Jefferson.

Mike Spray was headed for Burp's Peak in his custom built rocket ship.

John Stuckey and Francis the Talking Mule had collaborated and were making a movie called "Francie and Johnnie."

Sandy Sullivan Baltzell was a private nurse to Dr. Pepper.

Phil Tanner was buying all the people's property after persuading them to leave the cities because of the hydrogen bomb.

Shirley Tomlinson was editor of Merry Males' Mag.

Bill Waldron was last seen arguing, as usual, about what an authority he is on American Government.

Jack Waldron succeeded Cliff Clevenger and was the strongest advocator of depolluting the Town Creek.

Joan Wells, world famous hypnotist, had recently married the Maharajah of Portugal.

Martha Wermer and Mary Wermer had changed the name of their TV program from Who's Who to Which is Which.

Lester Wisener has written a best seller—"Money without Work."

Margaret Young had created a new shoe that will make you three inches taller. Her theme song is "When You and I were Short, Maggie."

Shirley Zinsmeister was found in a secluded corner of Cairo charming her snakes with her clarinet.

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